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## EGYPTIANS HEAD FOR TEL AVIV

### Rapid Advance Hailed As "Happy Presage"

## Jewish Gains In Jerusalem

Tel-Aviv, May 16.  
The Egyptian Army was today pressing on from Gaza, an historic all-Arab city, one third of the way from the Palestine frontier, to Tel-Aviv, capital of the new Jewish State of Israel. The occupation of Gaza, a road and rail centre, with 38,000 population, was announced late last night by Nokrashy Pasha, the Egyptian Premier and Military Governor of all Egypt. He described his army's rapid advance as a "happy presage".

To the east, King Abdullah's Transjordan troops entered Jericho after a rapid crossing of the Jordan, in response to appeals from Arab mayors in Palestine.

### Haganah Offensive

Haganah, Israel's army, was on the offensive in the north, where they occupied the frontier village of Malakia, and made contact with Lebanese forces. In Jerusalem, the Jews have occupied all former British security zones and control all roads out of the city except the main highway to Tel-Aviv.

## British Leave Jerusalem

Haifa, May 16.  
The British announced today that the last of their forces had left Jerusalem last night and said that 3,000 Arabs had been taken to the Allenby Barracks there when their men pulled out.

British reports said that as their forces left at about 10 p.m. last night, Haganah had seized the Russian compound and they had unopposedly moved into Bir-el-Aziz inside the holy city. Haganah reported today that Egyptian planes had attacked an armoured unit of the British Army.

The announcement by the Jewish Army came shortly after the temporary capital of the new State of Israel underwent aerial bombing for the second successive day. Haganah also announced that "the besieged town of Acre is expected to surrender at any moment." Acre is an Arab port city just outside the State of Israel.

### Airdrome Bombed

On the reported aerial attack on British troops, a bulletin issued by Haganah said: "An armoured unit of the British Army was attacked yesterday at 10.30 a.m. by machine-gun fire from Egyptian planes. The armoured column was on its way from Hebron to Rafah.

Rafah is at the Palestine-Egyptian border. This would indicate the British unit was moving out of Palestine. Hebron is South of Jerusalem.

An hour before this attack, Haganah said, "The temporary airdrome of the RAF in this area was bombed, and eight soldiers were wounded. The Officer in Command of the unit got in touch with his base, reporting the incident and asking instructions. He was told to take no action but to ask for new instructions in case of a new attack."—United Press and Associated Press.

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## Canton Train Attacked

Canton, May 16.  
Three passengers were injured when another attack was attempted on a Canton-Hankow train. A report in the local press said that the train left Hankow for Canton on May 11, but was held up by repairs to a bridge near Yingtak, about 170 miles north-west of Canton. Early the following morning (May 12) over 200 bandits fired on the train. Armed guards aboard returned fire and prevented the men from boarding. After a two-hour gun battle, the bandits were driven off.—Reuter.

## Visas For Dairen Allowed

Shanghai, May 15.  
Russia unexpectedly granted American Consular personnel visas to enter Dairen today. The northeast China port was seized by the Russians at war's end and few foreigners have been permitted entry. These Consular officials have been waiting here for months for visas. Permission to enter came on the eve of the departure of a special U. S. State Department chartered ship for Dairen. The ship was to land the Consular personnel and bring out the Vice-Consul and his family who are there. The Consul-General here cancelled the ship upon receipt of the visas.—Associated Press.

## Arab Reasons

Sweden and New Zealand have recognised the new State of Israel, a Jewish Government source here said tonight. A report from Canberra said the Australian Government will decide tomorrow its attitude towards the new Jewish State of Israel. It was learned here today. In Damascus, Jumil Mardam-Bey, the Syrian Premier, sent copies of a note giving reasons for the Arab League's refusal to recognise the new State. The note said military action by the seven Arab States of the League had been prompted by a desire for the restoration of peace and the establishment of an order which would lead to the settling up of a unitary Palestine State. In this Palestine State, the note said, all inhabitants would enjoy equal rights and there would be guarantees for minorities and for the protection of and free access to the holy places.

## Communist Suspects

Shanghai, May 16.  
Officially announcing the arrest of six Communist suspects, Mayor K.C. Wu told a press conference last evening that, although five of them are recent graduates from the National Chaotung University, they are apprehended on concrete evidence of subversive activities now in the hands of the authorities. The round-up followed the confession of 24-year-old Chang Liang-tao, a teacher of physics and chemistry at a local girls' school. In her confession, Miss Chang also pointed out the positions of the other five arrested in the Communist Party. Mayor Wu said.—Reuter.

## Move To Control HK CN Dollar Mart

Canton, May 16.  
Discussions are now proceeding between the Hong Kong Government and the Chinese authorities on measures to suppress the free market in the British Colony for Chinese dollars. This statement was made by Mr. Kuo-Fang, Director of the Financial Control, when interviewed by the Tai Kwong Po. Mr. Kuo also said that the financial agreement reached with Hong Kong last year has not yet been made effective. He said that any action taken by the British authorities to check the free transaction of the National Dollar would be beneficial to Hong Kong.

## Manchuria Salient Isolated

Nanking, May 16.  
Pro-Government reports today conceded that the Communists have cut off all land contacts between China Proper and the Government salient in Manchuria.

Outside the Great Wall west of Shanhaikwan, the Communists have established a strong roadblock between Chengteh and Pingchuan, clipping off the Nationalist Jehol land link with the Manchurian salient.

The National Defence Ministry release today said Gen. Lin Piao's main forces were moving towards the Jehol-Liaoning-Hopei border region, presumably to consolidate the Communist block against Nationalist China Proper-Manchuria communications.

Reports from Peiping said the Government was sending strong reinforcements into the Chingchow-Shanhaikwan corridor in an effort to reopen rail contact with Manchuria. In Shanxi the Nationalists reported the recapture of Yangkou and another station on the Peiping-Suiyuan railway. The line was expected to be resumed shortly.

Down in Central China, Government forces recaptured four more districts from the Communists. They are Yuhshien, Tangho, Suiping and Yangyang in Honan.—United Press.

## Indo-Chinese Riot In Marseilles

Paris, May 16.  
A large quantity of revolvers, knives, sickles and truncheons have been confiscated by the police in Marseilles following riots among Indo-Chinese workmen living in a camp in the Mazargues district of Marseilles late last night.

Three people were killed and 60 wounded. The police have arrested about 50 people. It is believed the disturbances were caused by political differences among the inmates of the camp.

Late last night, the police were warned of a battle which was taking place inside the camp, which is several miles from the centre of Marseilles.

On arrival at the entrance of the camp, they found the gates barricaded and a number of Indo-Chinese workmen, who had arrived late, waiting outside the camp.

The detachment immediately wired for reinforcements, and when these arrived, the whole force made their way into the camp by a back entrance.

Inside the camp, a pitched battle was raging, but order was quickly restored. Guards were placed at the entrance to the camp and at the neighbouring Indo-Chinese workers' camp at Colgate.

## Rationing Did Not Harm Mae

Southampton, May 16.  
Mao West left England on board the Queen Mary today and said that she is coming back to this austere land where she gained six pounds in her ten months' stay. "The food's all right," said Mao West. "I drank tea so often that I really got to like it." She has been here in the show "Diamond Lil" and says that she will come back to play Catherine the Great. She weighs 128 lbs. She didn't know why she put on extra weight. Also on the Queen Mary was Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Malik, who arrived in London on Thursday from Berlin. The Soviet Embassy said he was going for United Nations headquarters in New York. He is to take the place of Andrei Gromyko as the USSR representative to the UN Security Council.—United Press and Associated Press.

## Mrs. Wingate Backs Jews

Haifa, May 16.  
Mrs. Lorna Wingate, widow of Major-General Orde Wingate, told a gathering of Jewish forces here last night that if her husband had been alive, he would have been a member of Haganah. She recalled that her husband had said he would one day return to Palestine, even as an illegal immigrant. Calling her husband's name, she cried to the Jews: "Act according to your principles. They know what they fight for. They will prove as David did the heavy armour can be placed by David's stone."—Reuter.

## Police Hunt For Murderer

London, May 16.  
The police is extending its search for the baby-killing madman who ravished and murdered three-year-old June Ann Devaney, after pulling her from her cot in a hospital at Blackburn.

The same man, described as a sexual maniac, striking by the light of the waxing moon, may be responsible for the unsolved killing, five weeks ago, of an 11-year-old boy at Farnworth, 20 miles from Blackburn.

The man, who on Friday night sneaked into the children's ward of Queen's Park Hospital, snatched the little girl from her bed and battered her to death in a field nearby, was reported to have been seen by a nurse for a short moment as he prowled in the grounds.

Hundreds of police and detectives have combed thickly populated industrial Lancashire since last night and special precautions were ordered in hospitals and nurseries in case the killer strikes again.—Reuter.

## COTTON MILL DISPUTE EMPLOYERS' FEDERATION DENIES STATEMENT

The Employers' Federation of Hong Kong last night denied that it had advised the Nanyang Cotton Mills management to replace 150 Cantonese workers who walked out of the mill two weeks ago, with recruits from Shanghai. "It is certainly not the intention of the Federation to create ill-feeling between different sections of the community for this would defeat the main object for which the Federation was formed," said a statement by the federation secretary, Mr. S. Parsons.

The "Sunday Herald" said yesterday in an article on the Nanyang Cotton Mills labour dispute that an informant said the Federation had advised the mill management to take this action.

"Paragraph Untrue"  
"The Employers' Federation of Hong Kong takes an active interest in, and works towards, the maintenance of friendly relations between employer and employee, thereby creating an atmosphere of harmony without which the best development of local industry could not be attained," said the statement.

"The suggested course of action attributed to the Federation in the final paragraph of the article is untrue."  
Nanyang Cotton Mills manager, Mr. E.L. Young, said in a statement referring to the same article that the true facts of the management's reply to the workers' complaints were as follows: "At a meeting which took place at the Labour Office on 10th instant between the representatives of the Weavers Union and the Management, the following (interalia) were agreed: '1. The deposit system whereby a small portion of an apprentice's wages was retained to ensure regular attendance, was abolished. '2. If any worker had been struck by any fellow member of the staff, it was without the management's knowledge or authority and orders have been given that if such happens again, the offender will be severely reprimanded.'"

Scarborough, England, May 16.  
Britain's ruling Labour Party meet this week to close its ranks against Communism and plans still further the nation's Socialist revolution.

Prime Minister Attlee, Foreign Secretary Bevin and at least half a dozen high officials will be at his Yorkshire seaside resort for the party's annual five-day conference starting tomorrow.

Bevin will speak on Thursday, restating British foreign policy with emphasis on Palestine and Germany. But his speech may come under much criticism to Monday's debate on the "Nennigram." One Labour Member of Parliament who wished good luck to Pietro Nenni and his Communist allies in the Italian elections, has been expelled from the party. Twenty-one other Labour MPs who signed the telegram were reprimanded.

A party spokesman said the Nenni telegram, which violated party policy of backing the right-wing Italian Socialists, was "one of the main political facets" of the meeting. Second most controversial issue, the party spokesman said, will be the Government's purge of Communists from security posts in the Home Office and the drive against Communist infiltration in the trade unions.

Like some of the domestic issues, the debate on foreign affairs is likely to be a repetition of the 1940 and 1947 party conferences. A service and a speech by Bevin against critics who said his foreign policy was too closely tied to the United States and was costing Britain friends in Eastern Europe.

Steel nationalisation, already on the Parliamentary programme for next autumn, and reduction of the House of Lords veto power, from two years to one will be discussed by Attlee and Deputy Prime Minister Herbert Morrison.—Associated Press.

Tientsin, May 16.  
The United States Navy today denied reports that it plans to evacuate this port if the Chinese Communists enter but refused to disclose what steps it will take in that eventuality.—United Press.

## Thieves Use Watch As Bait For Unwary

Nine out of ten persons who were to see a wrist watch lying on the ground would, without doubt, proceed to pick it up. It would only be human to do so. Seizing upon this inherent human weakness, a band of waterfront thieves have found it an easy and profitable proposition to enrich themselves at the expense of gullible new arrivals. Members of the gang are always on hand when an inland steamer or other vessel arrives in port. After selecting their victim, usually a country bumpkin travelling alone, members of the gang trail the victim until he stops to rest by the roadside. Immediately this happens, one member of the gang discreetly places a wrist watch on the ground in a position most likely to attract the man's attention. As soon as the latter sees the watch, he automatically proceeds to retrieve it without taking the precaution to also pick up his own baggage, which is left by the roadside. As the victim goes toward the watch other members of the gang gather up the victim's baggage and disappear. Before the victim can lay hands on the watch, the individual who placed the "bait" reaches the spot first. In the final result, the poor victim does not only not get the watch, but also loses his own baggage.

## Newsman's Hunger Strike

Fifty editors, reporters and proof-readers of the Yuet Wah Po in Canton went on a 24-hour hunger strike at noon yesterday, demanding increased salaries in view of the rising cost of living. The strikers contended that the newspaper was making a fair profit and was in a position to increase salaries. They are confining their dispute to their own paper and have not asked the Canton Journalists Association to act.

## Strikers' Roman Banquet

Manila, May 16.  
Because their pay cheques were overdue, 16 disgruntled employees of the swank rooftop Cathay Night Club allegedly barricaded themselves in yesterday and guzzled \$3,000 worth of food and liquor in a daylong Roman banquet. The night club management said that the employees, led by the dance band leader, kept them at bay with revolvers as the feast progressed. The police took a number of tipsy employees into custody late last night and said that only one case of whisky and one case of gin were recovered.—U.P.

## The Weather

From an anticyclone east of Japan, a ridge stretches westwards to N.W. China. A trough extends eastward from a depression over E.W. China. Associated with it is a regular and intensifying depression moving eastward to the south of Tokyo. A tropical depression has formed about 200 miles WNW of Manila. Today's Forecast: Moderate. East winds. Weather fair apart from early morning drizzle. Yesterday's Weather: Maximum 26.4 deg. Fahr. Minimum 22.5 deg. Fahr. Sunshine: 5.5 hours. Rainfall: Trace. Total since Jan. 1—298.0 mm.—11.6 in. against an average of 131.9 mm.—5.17 in. Reading at 10 a.m. 4 p.m. Baro. at sea level 1013.3 1015.8 m.b. Humidity 82 82 Dew Point 75 75 Wind Direction 75 75 Wind Force 15 15 knots Tides: High 0830 4.0 Low 1614 0.1 High 0901 4.4 Low 1644 1.6 (All the above times are J.M.S. standard time.)

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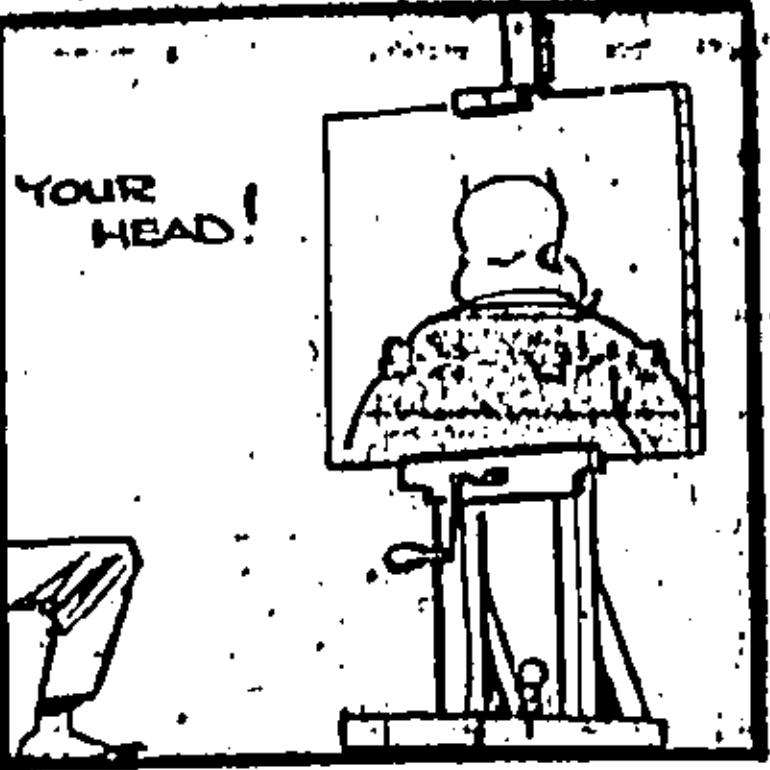
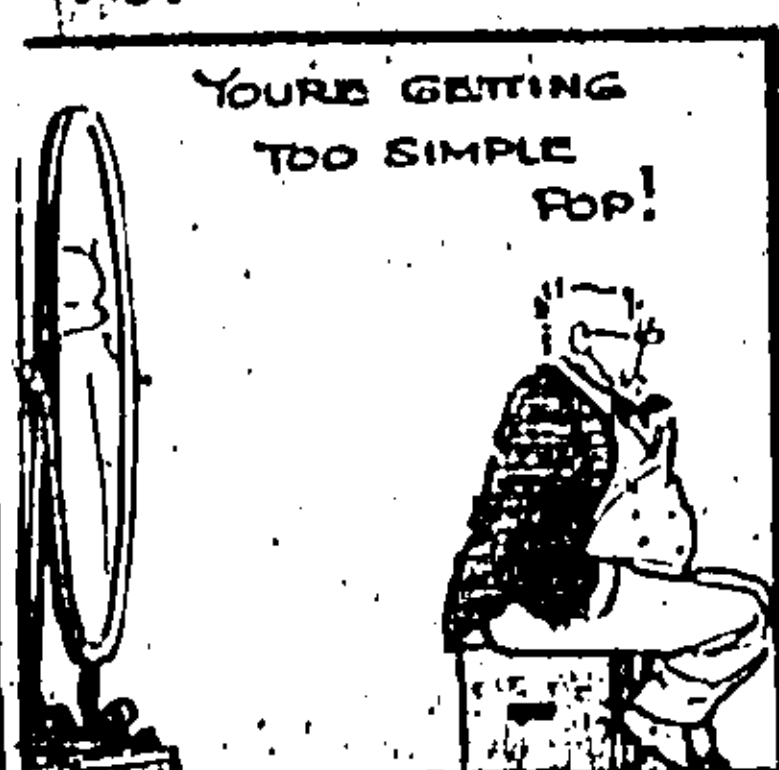
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## Sudden Collapse Of German 'More-Food' Strike

Hanover, May 15.  
The fortnight-old Hanover food strike collapsed suddenly today.  
The last of the strikers—12,000 chemical workers—decided to return to work next Tuesday, only a few days after 87 per cent of them had voted in favour of continuing the strike.

## HIROSHIMA GOVERNOR QUESTIONED

Tokyo, May 16.  
The Governor of Hiroshima Prefecture is the latest high-ranking Japanese official to be questioned about black market activities.  
The Hiroshima Prosecutor would be called within the next few days to answer questions relating to the blackmarketing of large quantities of rayon.  
According to the prosecution authorities, the Governor and other civic leaders in the community, in a conspiracy with the managers of an association, allegedly sold at blackmarket prices, rayon goods sent to the prefecture as incentive goods for farmers from May to August last year.—Reuter.

## INDIANS TO EVACUATE

Batavia, May 15.  
The Dutch authorities have approved the evacuation of 70 Indian soldiers to India, who fought with the Republicans in Indonesia, an official of the Indian Consulate-General announced today.  
They had been members of the International Brigade in the Indonesian Republic. The army left the British-Indian forces in Java after the war and were later discharged from the Indian Army.  
After their evacuation, they will be free to return to their homes in India.  
May 22 has been tentatively fixed as the date of their embarkation from Batavia. They are at present in a camp in Surakarta, central Java, with a large number of soldiers from Pakistan.—Reuter.

## BRITISH SHARE OF U.S. AID

London, May 15.  
The United States tentatively has fixed Britain's share of the Marshall Plan aid at \$300,000,000 as a "grant" for "commodities and services" plus a maximum of \$100,000,000 in loans for the first quarter of the programme's operation.  
The allocation was listed in a letter from Paul Hoffman, American Economic Co-operation Administrator, to the British Ambassador in Washington.  
The first quarter covers the period from April 3 to June 30.—Associated Press.

## Reminders

**Today**  
Whitsun Race Meeting (second day), Happy Valley, 12 noon.  
Roman Catholic Cathedral, First Communion and Confirmation, 7.30 a.m.  
H.K. Singers Rehearsal, St. John's Cathedral, 5.30 p.m.  
Whist Drive, European YMCA, West Lounge, 8 p.m.  
**Coming Events**  
**TUESDAY**  
Lecture on "The Romance of Colonial Literature" at Portuguese Institute, Clube Lusitano, Ice House Street, 6 p.m.  
Rotary Club Closed Meeting for Members, Roof Garden, Hong Kong Hotel, 12.30 p.m.  
Kowloon Union Church Women's Guild meeting, 10 a.m.  
**THURSDAY**  
Y's Men Club Luncheon, Roof Garden, H.K. Hotel, 12.45 p.m.  
Chinese Native Dance by Workers' Children, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 8.30 p.m.  
**FRIDAY**  
Annual General Meeting of V.D.M.A., St. John's Cathedral Hall, 4.30 p.m.  
Kowloon Rotary Luncheon, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.  
Union Insurance Society of Canton, annual general meeting, Union Bldg., 11.30 a.m.

## 31 Killed In Crash

Brussels, May 15.  
Twenty-four passengers and the full crew of seven lost their lives in the crash of a Belgian Sabena DC-4 (Skymaster) airliner about 20 miles south of the Libenge (Belgian Congo) airport on Thursday, May 13, Sabena announced in a communique this afternoon.  
The only survivor of the crash was Egyptian-born Mr. Mouta, a naturalised Belgian. The plane was completely wrecked, added the communique, which gave no further details.  
Seventeen Belgians, four British, two Belgian Congo nationals and one Swede comprised the passengers who were killed, stated a revised passenger list issued by Sabena.  
The crew of seven were all Belgians.—Associated Press.

## 10 Die In S. Africa

Johannesburg, May 15.  
Five passengers and five crew members are believed to have been killed when a Mercury Airline plane crashed into a 1,000-foot mountain at Vrede, Orange Free State, today.  
The plane had left Durban for Johannesburg en route to London. Mist and rain made visibility bad at the time of the crash.  
The passengers included Brigadier W. G. H. Cough of Ceylon.—Associated Press.

## Train Crash In New Jersey

Hoboken, New Jersey, May 16.  
Two crewmen were reported drowned or crushed to death early today when the engine and one car of the Hoboken-Buffalo mail train plunged down an embankment into the Delaware River.  
First reports said the train was roaring around a sharp curve near Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania, when the engine and the baggage car went off the rails, dropped into the river and overturned.  
The engine crew of two were reported to be killed. An ambulance doctor from Stroudsburg who returned from the scene two hours after the accident said: "There is no hope of saving the men."—United Press.

## BAKERS STRIKE

Dublin, May 16.  
Dublin's 1,500 bakery workers struck on Friday night to enforce their demands for pay increases. The Government suspended bread and flour rationing when the strike began, but threatened to bring back rationing if the bakers did not return to work by Sunday.—United Press.

## STEPS TO DEAL WITH REFUGEES DEMANDED

Shanghai, May 16.  
The Kuomintang-supervised newspaper, Shun Pao, demanded in an editorial that the National Government take steps to cope with the hundreds of thousands of refugees from civil war-torn areas of China who are rapidly becoming a national menace to law and order through no fault of their own.

The paper pointed out several instances of riots by starving refugees who ran wild through villages stealing anything they could to assure themselves against starvation. It also pointed out the frequent incidents in Shanghai of refugees, goaded by hunger and exposure, simply taking even private property and holding it ransom to it against efforts of the police to remove them.  
Such things, the paper said, are particularly bad in a country where social unrest is present because of the stifling effect of the civil war on the economic and social lives of the people. "It is not impossible," the paper said, "for a small spark to lead to serious consequences."

**China which country folk view from a distance much as small town communities in America look to New York. It is, they hope, a city of opportunity. The paper pointed out that it is also a hard city of starvation in concrete gutters and marble doorways.**  
Recognizing that the Central Government is already heavily burdened by war expenditures which leave little money for anything else, it suggested that U.S. relief supplies be made available to the refugees and that proceeds from the sales of American-supplied rice be used for this purpose.—United Press.

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## International Cricket

## AUSTRALIA 721 AGAINST ESSEX

Southend, May 15.  
Australia scored the enormous total of 721 runs in their first innings today against Essex before a record crowd of spectators.  
A crowd of 15,000 was entertained with some bright and entertaining cricket during the afternoon, the Australians scoring 292 runs in the two hours' play between lunch and tea. They saw Bradman score his third century of the tour and Brown obtain his second successive three figure score.

The Essex fielding reached a very high standard but their attack did not worry the tourists, whose batsmen appeared to score as they liked.  
Bradman used every sort of stroke. When 94 in trying to hook he was struck on the left side by a ball from Ray Smith but he did not appear to be seriously hurt and soon resumed.  
The second wicket stand between Brown and Bradman realised 219 runs in 80 minutes before Bailey had Brown caught at mid-on and followed by upstrokes Miller's off stump with the next ball. Brown batted three hours for his 153 and hit 20 fours.  
Joined by Hamence, the Australian captain continued to punish the Essex bowlers, taking 20 off Essex in one over. With his score at 160 and the total at 410, he lofted an on-drive but Dodd's fielding on the boundary did not shape well and the chance was missed.  
**Bradman Bowled**  
After scoring 187 out of 307 in two hours and five minutes, Bradman with the total at 452 was clean bowled by one of Peter Smith's spinners. Batted without restraint, he had with flashing strokes and delicate touches collected no less than 32 boundaries and one five.  
After tea, Hamence fell to the Smith cousins at 408 but then Loxton and Saggers came together and again the Essex bowling was gagged. The sixth wicket pair added 108 in 65 minutes before Loxton was caught behind the wicket off Vigar.  
He hit one six and 14 fours in his innings of 120, completed in 80 minutes.  
Peter Smith then disposed of Ian Johnson and Ring cheaply but Saggers reached his century on the fourth of the innings—in 75 minutes—and was undefeated with 104, which included nine fours.  
The crowd, which had by now risen to a record 16,000, acclaimed the Australians outside the pavilion and the home batsmen, who were clamouring for autographs as the players went in.  
Scores:—  
Australia—1st Inngs  
Darnes hit wicket b. Ray 70  
Smith 187  
Brown c. Horsfall b. Bailey 153  
Bradman b. Peter Smith 160  
Miller b. Bailey 187  
Hamence c. P. Smith b. Ray 40  
Loxton c. Rist b. Vigar 120  
Saggers not out 104  
Ian Johnson stumped Rist b. Peter Smith 9  
Ring c. Vigar b. Peter Smith 9  
Bill Johnston b. Vigar 1  
Toshack c. Vigar b. Peter Smith 4  
Extras 6  
Total 721  
Wickets fell at: 1-145 2-304, 3-364, 4-452, 5-408, 6-604, 7-608, 8-622 and 9-716.—Reuter.

**SCOTLAND TO MEET SWITZERLAND**  
Glasgow, May 16.  
Scotland's Football Association has chosen a strong international team to play Switzerland on May 17 and France in Paris on May 23.  
Fourteen players will make the continent trip. They are: Cowen (Morton), Govan (Hibernian), Shaw (Hibernian), Cox (Glasgow Rangers), Maccully (Arsenal), Rutherford (Glasgow Rangers), Smith (Hibernian), Combe (Hibernian), Johnstone (Clyde), Steel (Derby County), Turnbull (Hibernian), Duncan (East Fife).—Associated Press.

**High Scoring In Whitsun Cricket**  
London, May 15.  
The Whitsun county cricket championship matches—mostly between traditional rivals at this holiday season—began in glorious sunshine and, on hard and fast wickets, scoring was high with centuries by Brian Valentine (Kent), Jack Robertson and Bill Edrich (Middlesex), Cyril Washbrook (Lancashire), M. R. Barton (Surrey), J. Crapp (Gloucestershire), H. Dollery (Warwickshire) and V. Jackson (Leicestershire).  
There was a huge crowd at Leeds for the "Battle of the Roses" in which professional Frank Smalles captained Yorkshire as Norman Yardley was still suffering from lambo. A dropped catch proved costly in this match. Washbrook, who went in at 22, went on with supreme disdain for all the bowling for a total of five hours, his chief hits being 18 fours.  
Kent recovered from early checks at Southampton, after using three wickets for 40 runs against Warwickshire, and John captain Brian Valentine scored a sparkling century, full of powerful driving and cutting.  
Gloucestershire's batsmen had a great time at the expense of the unimpressive Somerset attack at Taunton, the first men all hitting fifties, and a century, his second—successive centuries.  
Jack Robertson and Bill Edrich were both in England form for Middlesex against Sussex at Lords.  
**Scoreboard**  
Close of play scores:—  
At Lords: Middlesex v Sussex. Middlesex 302 for five declared (Robertson 147, W.J. Edrich not out 120), Sussex 22 for one.  
At Taunton: Somersetshire v Gloucestershire. Gloucestershire 518 for nine (Emmett 71, Barnett 83, Allen 54, Crapp 127).  
At Leicester: Leicestershire v Northamptonshire. Leicestershire 348 (Jackson 170), Northamptonshire 9 for 0.  
At Derby: Derbyshire v Warwickshire. Warwickshire 207 for seven (Ord 87, Dollery not out 159).  
At Worcester: Worcestershire v Glamorgan. Worcestershire 204 for eight (Copper 91).—Reuter.

**20 INDIANS KILLED**  
Calcutta, May 16.  
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## Stage Club Ends Second Season

The Hong Kong Stage Club has now come to the end of its second season and can look back with some satisfaction on a series of plays of mixed appeal which have received the support of an ever growing number of people.

His Excellency the Governor has recently honoured the Stage Club by graciously consenting to become its official Patron, and it is hoped that this encouragement will prove very fruitful in the next season which opens in October.

Although the theatrical work of the Club is now ceasing for the summer months, there will continue to be fortnightly plays broadcast from the studios of Z.B.W. and notices of casting meetings for these will be announced in the press regularly. New members are, of course, always welcome.

On Wednesday at 8-30 p.m. in the Missions to Seamen General Meeting will be held to which all who are interested in the work of the Club are cordially invited. The meeting will hear reports on the year's work and on the finances of the Club, and will elect a Committee for the year 1948-1949.

## High Scoring In Whitsun Cricket

London, May 15.  
The Whitsun county cricket championship matches—mostly between traditional rivals at this holiday season—began in glorious sunshine and, on hard and fast wickets, scoring was high with centuries by Brian Valentine (Kent), Jack Robertson and Bill Edrich (Middlesex), Cyril Washbrook (Lancashire), M. R. Barton (Surrey), J. Crapp (Gloucestershire), H. Dollery (Warwickshire) and V. Jackson (Leicestershire).

There was a huge crowd at Leeds for the "Battle of the Roses" in which professional Frank Smalles captained Yorkshire as Norman Yardley was still suffering from lambo. A dropped catch proved costly in this match. Washbrook, who went in at 22, went on with supreme disdain for all the bowling for a total of five hours, his chief hits being 18 fours.  
Kent recovered from early checks at Southampton, after using three wickets for 40 runs against Warwickshire, and John captain Brian Valentine scored a sparkling century, full of powerful driving and cutting.  
Gloucestershire's batsmen had a great time at the expense of the unimpressive Somerset attack at Taunton, the first men all hitting fifties, and a century, his second—successive centuries.  
Jack Robertson and Bill Edrich were both in England form for Middlesex against Sussex at Lords.  
**Scoreboard**  
Close of play scores:—  
At Lords: Middlesex v Sussex. Middlesex 302 for five declared (Robertson 147, W.J. Edrich not out 120), Sussex 22 for one.  
At Taunton: Somersetshire v Gloucestershire. Gloucestershire 518 for nine (Emmett 71, Barnett 83, Allen 54, Crapp 127).  
At Leicester: Leicestershire v Northamptonshire. Leicestershire 348 (Jackson 170), Northamptonshire 9 for 0.  
At Derby: Derbyshire v Warwickshire. Warwickshire 207 for seven (Ord 87, Dollery not out 159).  
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# VITAL QUESTIONS AWAIT ANSWERS BY COMMONWEALTH

London, May 15.

The first steps by the British Government to ascertain the Dominions' reaction to the proposal for a Commonwealth conference are expected to be taken soon.

The conference, first referred to by the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee in Parliament, has been made all the more necessary by the recent five-power pact of western European defence, which aims at making the best possible use of the great military potential of Britain, France and the Benelux countries, supported by the military strength of the United States.

It need not be a full-scale gathering of all the Dominion Premiers. Indeed, it is almost impossible to get them all together at one and the same time in London.

Vital economic questions concerning the Commonwealth, however, await an exchange of views. There is so much common ground that the Labour Government supporters and Conservative Opposition are believed to be in complete agreement that a conference should be called at the earliest possible moment.

Parliament has adjourned for Whit Sunday with one last skirmish in the Commons over the general domestic bill of contention between the parties—nationalisation.

## Coal Discord

The bill to nationalise the gas industry has passed through the committee stage after two all-night sittings during which a handful of Conservatives challenged each clause.

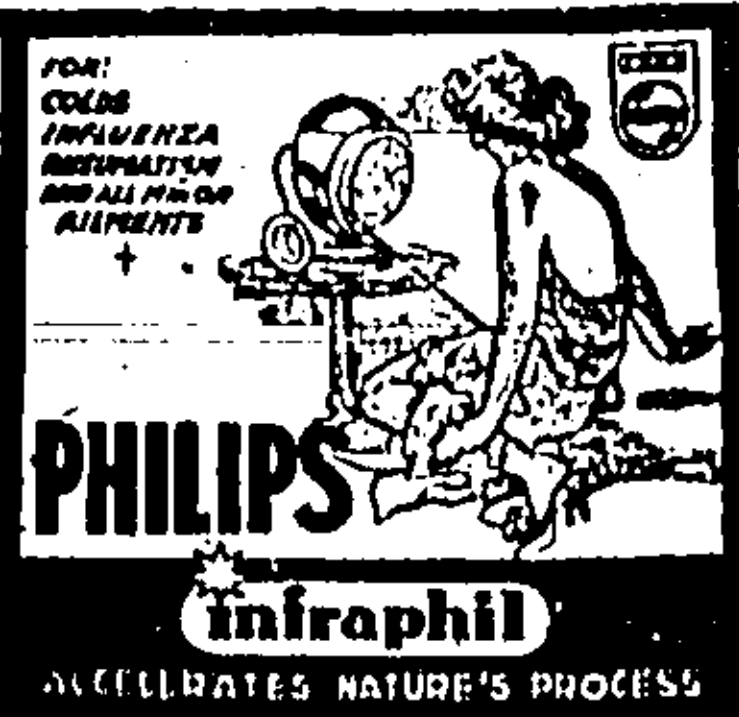
Discord within the National Coal Board—the Government administration of the coal industry—reached a head with the resignation of Sir Charles Reid, production member of the Board, and gave the thwarted opponents of nationalisation a brief opportunity to express their views before the House went into recess.

The hard core of hostility which faced the Government representatives showed them what they have to expect when they return to Westminster in six days time.

The annual Labour Party meeting at Scarborough on the Yorkshire coast next Monday will start debating two great political issues—Britain's battle for production and the future of the House of Lords.

## Shinwell Speech

Mr. Herbert Morrison, 60-year-old leader of the Commons, will develop the theme that an all-round increase in production is necessary before



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## LOOTED GOLD IN DRAIN

Bangkok, May 15.  
The police have located in a sewage drain \$750,000 worth of gold—part of the \$3,000,000 worth looted from a gold lorry in Bangkok on Tuesday.

Earlier, police found 30 bars of gold in a shop.  
Seventy-five persons have been arrested, including a retired police captain described as the "brain" behind the robbery, and two air force lieutenants. More arrests are expected.  
Bangkok is ringed by highway and river patrols to foil attempts to smuggle the stolen gold from the city. The police are confident that most of the gold will be recovered.—Associated Press.

## PRICE INDEX

New York, May 16.  
The Associated Press composite of 35 wholesale commodity prices stood on Friday at 168.72, slightly under last week's 169.75. A year ago the index was 171.09.

The four components touched a new 1948 low at 142.76 and textiles a similar bottom at 131.89. Non-ferrous metals, industrial, grains and cotton and livestock showed gains.—Associated Press.

## Elizabeth Walks With Philip In Lovers' Lane

Paris, May 16.

Like all good tourists, Princess Elizabeth and her husband Philip went to see the sights at Versailles today. They had the place to themselves except for several thousand other persons who dogged their every step.

In the garden where kings and queens of the past played, the young couple strolled along lovers' lane. They were almost alone there too—except for policemen hidden in every bush and behind every tree. One enterprising photographer was there at 5 a.m., covered with leaves and trying his best to look like a tree. The police noted him out before the Princess arrived.

Princess Elizabeth blossomed out in another new outfit for the trip to Versailles. It is the fourth she has worn since she arrived in Paris yesterday morning. She wore a lime green suit and white straw hat, decorated with a big white silk bow. Prince Philip stuck to his Royal Navy uniform.

## Boat Ride

The couple left the British Embassy at 10.30 in their black Daimler limousine and were in Versailles 25 minutes later. A dozen policemen on motorcycles cleared their path.  
A crowd of 14,000 persons waited at the gates to the Palace of Versailles. When the Daimler drove in they surged forward to follow but struggling police changed the gates shut in time.

The entire huge park around the Palace was closed to everyone except the Royal couple, a few selected guests and the ever-present police.  
The weather was perfect. The Princess seemed relaxed and enjoyed herself today. The couple took a boat ride up the Seine and happily sipped champagne at lunch.—United Press.

## Crowds Cheer

Paris, May 15.  
Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh, after their visit to the Palace of Versailles today, drove back to the British Embassy through the beautiful woods of St. Cloud along the banks of the Seine, where crowds, beating, bathing and picnicking, cheered them continuously in the afternoon. They went by a naval cutter up the

## 34 Killed In Bus Crash

Cairo, May 15.  
Thirty-four Egyptians were killed and 34 injured today when a bus carrying workers from Zagazig to Tel El Kehir fell into a roadside canal after colliding with another bus.—Reuters.

## BIRTH CONTROL THE BEST MEANS?

San Francisco, May 15.  
Birth control may be the best immediate means of combatting over-population in Japan and China, Dr. George D. Stoddard, President of the University of Illinois, told a regional UNESCO conference here today.

Speaking to delegates from seven western U.S. States, Alaska and Hawaii at the final session of the Pacific Regional Conference on UNESCO, Dr. Stoddard reported that a section of the Conference had considered birth control, the only long-range remedy for over-population and had decided that food production should be immediately increased.

"It seems to me this leaves out of account the already intensive food production in Japan and China," said Dr. Stoddard.

"With the increase of its population at the rate of 1,000,000 a year, it strikes me as simpler to set up birth control clinics now."

"In the short span of three years, the Japanese have uprooted many centuries-old traditions. Why not one more?"—Associated Press.

## MARSHALL PLAN GRANTS

Washington, May 15.  
The Economic Cooperation Administration announced new Marshall Plan authorizations for three countries here today.  
Holland will get \$253,000 for talcum powder and \$1,000,000 for flaxseed.  
Austria will receive \$15,210 for canvas. France is to get \$941,320 for the purchase of wheat and \$350,000 for protein food.—Reuters.

## US Rubber Industry Complains To Malaya

Singapore, May 16.

The United States rubber industry is dissatisfied with the grading and packing of rubber imported from Malaya, the chief source of natural rubber for the United States.

The industry sent two representatives here to press the complaint. They put an advertisement entitled "open letter to packers and shippers of crude rubber to America" into every Malayan newspaper.  
It said that rubber shipments arriving in America from Singapore and the Malayan Federation during the past six months "have been in such condition as to cause the manufacturers and importers the utmost concern."  
The advertisement continued: "It is imperative that the grading and packing be improved at the earliest opportunity. Otherwise Singapore and Malayan shippers are apt to be faced with heavy claims and rejections of their tenders."  
Shipments "are not improving either in regard to grading, packing or marking," said the advertisement, inserted by representatives of the Rubber Manufacturers Association of America and the Rubber Trade Association of New York.

## Reaction Sharp

The reaction to the advertisement was sharp. Tan Lark Ewe, chairman of the Singapore Rubber Dealers Association, announced that a special committee had been appointed to study the complaints. The Singapore Chamber of Commerce and the Chinese rubber dealers were also reported studying the problem.  
But the reaction was not all favourable. One Malayan rubber planter, in turn, published his own "open letter to U.S. buyers of crude rubber."  
He said that "America, although the richest country in the world, and possessing the highest standard of living in the world, is determined to get her rubber at a price which is either below or just above subsistence level for producers."  
He said the U.S. had used "political chicanery" during the Geneva trade talks and declared "it would be more beneficial to all concerned if America would improve the quality of her financial policy rather than that her representatives criticise the quality of a product for which she is not prepared to pay a fair price."—Associated Press.

## Tension Between Church And State In Hungary

Budapest, May 16.

Josef Cardinal Mindszenty, Catholic Primate of Hungary, indicated today that the Church would oust members who do not support its control of church schools.

A week ago, the growing tension between the church and state was sharpened by demands from the new United Communist-Socialist Party that state-prepared textbooks be forced onto church schools.

Observers expected Cardinal Mindszenty's reply in a pastoral letter published today and to be read at all masses tomorrow, to precipitate an open battle between church and state.

The letter said: "The Church does not like to take measures against her followers, but when it concerns the salvation of their souls, each follower must understand that the Church cannot hesitate to take stronger measures."  
"If a party member is loyal to his party or a citizen commits treason against his country, the party excludes him and the state deprives him of citizenship."

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The Cardinal maintained that the Church's right to educate was "given by God." He told his followers to pray constantly because the souls of their children are in danger.  
"Churches will be empty if we do not insist on having church schools and religious education. Your children will grow up without faith. There will not be any priests to give you religious service and comfort for youth growing up without faith will not choose a religious profession."—United Press.

## UK Cotton Industry Lagging

New Orleans, May 16.

The British cotton industry is still lagging in production, being some 60,000 workers short of a full single-shift operation, according to Fuller E. Callaway, Jr., chairman of the American Cotton Manufacturers Association.

Callaway, who returned from England, said equipment needs replacement but a major percentage of current machinery production is being exported.

Callaway also told of the research work of the Shirley Institute.

He said the institute has begun to market commercially its famous Shirley cloth, sold for raincoats. This cloth seems to be excellent as a waterproof fabric which is not coated and depends upon its close weave and yarn treatment to achieve a lightweight porous result, he said.—Associated Press.

## TURNED BACK BY RUSSIANS

Hof, Bavaria, May 16.

Eight hundred Germans, including women and children, bound from the American Zone to the Soviet Zone, were twice sent back by Soviet guards stationed across the border here last night because of alleged irregularities in their inter-zonal passes.

After the small American Military Government staff had worked for hours correcting the passes, the Germans set out again. They were stopped again, this time because mistakes were found in the typing of identification card numbers.—Reuters.

## DIAMONDS IN CAR SEAT

Dur-Es-Salaam, May 15.

Five years hard labour was the sentence imposed on an Indian employed at the Williamson diamond mine at Shinyanga, in connection with the illicit diamond trade.  
The accused's car was searched by the police, who found four diamonds concealed in a piece of rug hidden among the springs of the driving seat.—Reuters.

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E. O'NEIL SHAW, Hon. Secretary.

### NOTICE

## KOWLOON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held at St. Andrew's Church Hall on Thursday, 27th May, at 6.30 p.m.

Membership forms may be had on application to P.O. Box 1752, Kowloon.

It is requested that members should make every effort to attend this meeting.

By Order of the General Committee.

P. W. A. Wood, Hon. Secretary.

All residents, members or not, are cordially invited; but only members will be allowed to vote.

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THE CHINA COAST NAVIGATING AND ENGINEER OFFICERS' GUILD.

A Special General Meeting of members of the above Guild will be held at the office, Union Building, 21 Pedder Street, Hongkong, at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, May 18th, 1948.

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# EMBARGO MAY BE LIFTED

## America Aid Arms For Jewish State

## Recognition "No Snap Judgment"

Washington, May 15.

A White House source said today that the United States is studying the question of lifting the United States embargo on arms into Palestine.

The source, who refused to be quoted by name, said the matter of an exchange of diplomats with the newly-recognized Jewish state is also being studied.

The fact that the Government is studying these two steps followed President Truman's announcement on Friday of United States recognition of Israel.

The United States recognition was on a de facto basis, that is, merely recognizing that such a state exists. This differs from de jure recognition, which involves an exchange of diplomatic representatives with a legally constituted Government.

Charles G. Ross, White House Press secretary, told reporters that Truman's action in recognizing the provisional Government was "not a matter of snap judgment."

### Truce Efforts

Ross said Truman had the action in mind a good while and added that it was "impossible to fix a timetable on the approach to the decision." Diplomatic officials previously had said it was possible that lifting of the arms ban might be considered.

However, it was indicated that main American efforts would be directed to winning a truce in the Holy Land dispute.

Ross said that Truman had discussed the matter of recognition earlier with George Marshall and the Under-Secretary of State, Robert Lovett. Ross said that the British Government was notified on Friday afternoon that the matter was under consideration and that "we were contemplating recognition."

Ross said that Truman's proposal of March 25 for temporary trusteeship for Palestine pending restoration of order was "entirely consistent with the action now taken (recognition)."

Ross quoted from the March 25 statement to emphasize that

Truman was proposing then a temporary United Nations trusteeship and an immediate Jew-Arab truce only as a stop gap move.

### "Realities"

Ross said Truman consistently had been for partition. When the trusteeship plan failed to be adopted, the President acted "in the light of realities."

Ross told the press conference that about 500 telegrams had reached the White House on Saturday dealing on Truman's recognition statement and added that they were running "very heavily" in favour of the action taken.

Ross made public a letter from Eliahu Epstein, agent for the provisional Government of Israel, delivered at the White House at about 2200 GMT on Friday requesting American recognition of Israel.—Associated Press.

### Iraq Stirred

Baghdad, May 15. The decision of the American Government to recognize the Palestine-Jewish state stirred public opinion in Baghdad.

The Baghdad Press did not comment immediately on the decision but there were general expressions of feeling that the American action was "a new hostile blow against the Arabs." All Jawdat Ayubi, Iraqi Ambassador in Washington, who returned to Baghdad recently, said no great importance was to be attached to the American action and that Arab Governments will continue measures they have embarked on until the liberation of Palestine is achieved.—Associated Press.

### Czech Policy

Prague, May 16. Government sources said unofficially that they believed Czechoslovakia would follow the United Nations dictates in regard to arms shipments to Jews or Arabs. "We would hesitate to deliver arms to either side now until the situation is clarified," one official said.—United Press.

## Mystery Ship Off Greece

Athens, May 15.

American naval circles here today declined to comment on Greek press reports that an unknown ship in Greek territorial waters replied to a signal from an American destroyer by hoisting the Soviet flag.

The ship was said to be off Cap Males, in the southern Peloponnese, and to have then left Greek waters, heading southeast.

Greek officials said that they knew nothing of the reports.—Reuter.

## No Action Just Now

Washington, May 15.

American State Department sources indicated today there would be no immediate action to lift the United States embargo on shipments of arms to Palestine.

It was pointed out that the present ban includes arms shipments to all Middle East countries and not only to the Palestine Jews.

In the wake of President Truman's surprise announcement of the recognition of the State of Israel, a joint Congressional Zionist drive to get the embargo lifted developed today.

Two Democratic Senators issued a statement calling for the end of the ban "so the new Jewish State can protect itself against the onslaught of well-armed Arabs."

Meanwhile, although detailed editorial comment was lacking, Mr. Truman's action seemed to have won a general support in other political quarters and to have received the blessing of the Republican Party's foreign policy authorities, with Senator Arthur Vandenberg, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, calling the President's decision "a logical and proper step."—Reuter.

## HAWAII EARTHQUAKE

Hilo, May 16.

An earth shock strong enough to cause a tidal wave in the Hawaiian Islands, if nearby, was recorded today.

Ray H. Finah, National Park Service volcanologist, said the quake was recorded at about 2330 GMT. Direction of the shock was not learned.—Associated Press.

# PALESTINE WAR

## A "CRUSADE"

(By Doon Campbell)

Baghdad, May 15.

There is unbounded confidence here that however long and fierce the battle in Palestine may be, and however great the sacrifice, the Arabs will win.

People in mosques are praying for success in a campaign that is regarded as a crusade. On the surface, there seems to be no tension either in the busy bazaars or in the tiny cafes on the banks of the swollen river Tigris, where Iraqi Arabs sit drinking coffee and smoking their pipes. There are no tanks or soldiers to be seen in the streets lined with buildings and shops.

But under this appearance of normalcy, the feeling is as taut as a piano wire. Everyone is talking and talking Palestine. Forgotten for the time being are the soaring food prices and the elections due within a month.

This is what two prominent people told me about the crusade: A Cabinet minister: "We are committed to suicide or survival. Either we get Palestine or lose everything."

A veteran politician: "We have nothing against the Jews or any other minority—our fight is against Zionism."

Arabs here are confident of victory because of the superior numerical strength and striking power of the Arab armies. They believe that Turkey, Persia and Pakistan will intervene eventually.

Some idea of the Arab zeal may be gained from that shown by volunteers who arrived here for training for armed service in the Holy Land after walking 1,000 miles barefoot from the Yemen.—Reuter.

## Fight For Yuan Vice-Presidency

Nanking, May 16.

A Legislative Yuan Vice-Presidential fight was staged last night when 300 Kuomintang members gathered in an anti-Chen Li-fu and pro-Fu Se-nien rally.

The members represented the majority of Kuomintang delegates to the Legislative Yuan, who have reported in Nanking so far, and the rally was interpreted as a serious blow to Chen Li-fu's election chances. Chen was nominated by the Party as the Vice-Presidential candidate for the Legislative Yuan, of which it was generally conceded that Sun Fo will be elected President.

Huang Yu-jen, Kuomintang member, described the meeting as a protest against "reactionaries and Party control and a clamour for progress, reform and democracy." Another delegate said this was the first anti-Chen Li-fu movement in 20 years and said it was "the natural outcome of 20 years of CC Clique oppression."

The meeting described Fu Se-nien as a symbol of progress and the right man for the job of Vice-President of the Legislative Yuan.

## NEW CHINESE SCHOOLS IN SIAM

Bangkok, May 15.

Following the closure of three large Chinese schools, the Ministry of Education today announced that government schools will start Chinese language courses and eventually set up separate government schools for Chinese students only.

The Education Minister, Lieut. Gen. Luning Premyodhi, said that the three closed schools failed to observe government regulations.

He said the Chinese want an unlimited number of schools and have applied for permission to open 36 more. He said there are already 100, and added, "A halt must be called."

The closed schools include Chongkua, run by the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, Yankin, operated by the Hainanese Association, and Huanghuang by Teochew Association.—United Press.

## CANTON INDUSTRY TO BE BOOSTED

Canton, May 16.

The industrialisation of Canton will be stepping up in the near future.

Beer brewing, which is practically a new industry here, will be resumed on May 29 and it is hoped to attain a monthly output of 180,000 bottles.

Machinery for another spinning mill has arrived here from Shanghai and is being erected in a factory in Honam (Island across the river from Canton).

The machinery of the Canton Paper Works looted by the Japanese will be shipped back here. With the arrival of machinery, paper production will be increased to 50 tons a day.—Reuter.

## DEATH FOR WAR CRIMES

Wuppertal, May 15.

A German criminal court today passed the death sentence on Alfred Milgor, former commandant at the Kemna concentration camp near Wuppertal, for crimes against humanity.

Four camp guards were jailed for life, and seven others for terms of from four to 15 years. The trial, the first important case of its kind before a German court, lasted six weeks.—Reuter.

## LEBANON NOTE TO UN

Beirut, May 15.

The Lebanon sent a note to the United Nations and the major powers today, declaring that the present Palestine situation called for Arab military intervention to restore order and ward off the danger threatening neighbouring countries.

The Lebanese Foreign Minister read the memorandum to diplomatic representatives here tonight.—Reuter.

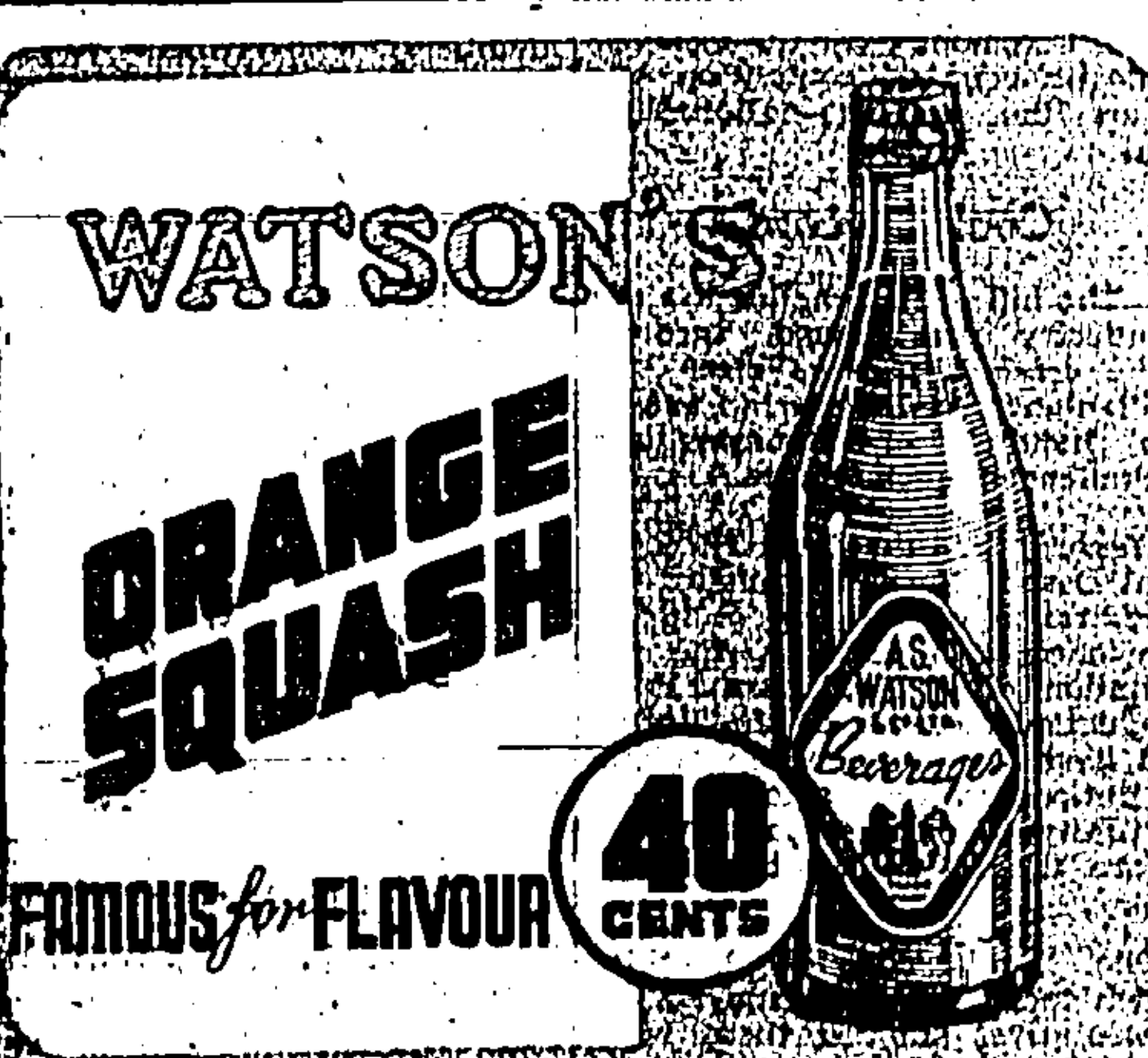
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# OUTSPOKEN CRITICISM OF SCAP POLICIES IN JAPAN

## America "Advancing To Military Help" New Menace To The Pacific

Shanghai, May 15.  
Continued outspoken criticism of SCAP policy in Japan is being voiced in Chinese newspapers, particularly some organs closely linked to the Kuomintang.  
The Kuomintang-supervised paper, Shun Pao, is particularly critical of Gen. Douglas MacArthur's action in permitting enlargement of the Japanese Marine Security Bureau from a fleet of 38 to 135 vessels and increasing its personnel from 8,000 to 10,000 men.

"The U. S. policy of helping Japan," Shun Pao said, "has advanced from the stage of economic help to that of military help." The Marine Security Bureau, it believed, "is a new menace to the nations bordering on the Pacific."

"It is a lie," it growled, "to say that setting up of a Marine Security Bureau by Japan is designed to prevent smuggling by Koreans. It is really designed to rebuild Japan's armament on the sea, which is a new menace to the nations bordering on the Pacific."

"This unilateral action taken by SCAP is not only a further step to help Japan rebuild her armament on the sea, but is contrary to the Cairo and Potsdam declarations as well as to the policy decided upon by the Far Eastern Commission. It will also affect the reparations in shipping which the Allied nations are supposed to get."

### Incompatible

The Chung Yang Jih Pao, another Kuomintang organ, charged that "U. S. policy of using large sums of money to help Japan recover economically is incompatible with the decision made by the Far Eastern Commission."

"If the U. S. financiers extend loans to Japanese capitalists," it continued, "for the purpose of producing commodities to be sold in the Far East, it will at most be beneficial only to the Japanese capitalists who will thus become compradors, and will not be beneficial to the vast majority of Japanese people, but on the contrary, will probably plunge them into another tragic war."

"Such undemocratic economic recovery will, we feel, not be favoured by those Japanese who have awakened. It is, of course, opposed by the Chinese who have suffered so much from Japan's militaristic aggression."

It charged that the United States does not understand the Korean people "and has failed to live up to its promise that it would allow Korea to become

Independent and help the Korean people win independence and unification."

"U. S. policy toward Korea," it charged, "not only has not respected the aspirations of the Korean people, but also has had no regard for the economic requirements of Korea. So, how can it be supported by the Koreans?"

"On the other hand, Soviet Russia has consistently been encouraging the Korean people to win unity and unification and trying to ameliorate the economic life of the Korean people. Thus, the United States was bound to fail in Korea," United Press.

# War Was Imposed On The Arabs

Cairo, May 15.

An Arab League spokesman at a press conference here today said that the Arabs have "entered a stubborn war against a determined enemy in defence of their honour, property and existence."

"This war was imposed on them by the enemy after a peaceful settlement had become impossible."

Commenting on the creation of the State of Israel, the spokesman said: "Such a state will menace the very existence of the Arabs and expose them to poverty, servitude and annihilation."

"The Zionists willed this war by invading a country very holy to the Arabs."

"The Arabs have accepted the challenge and are convinced that this is a war of life and death, either we reach a decisive victory or die an honourable death."

"We are determined to sacrifice everything we have for the sake of a decisive victory."

Denying reports of disunity among Arab League member states, the spokesman said: "The Arabs—their peoples, kings, princes and presidents—are united in thinking only of Palestine and working for its salvation from the grip of the enemy."

"Where are the differences between the kings and leaders of the Arab countries of which Zionist propaganda has made so much?"

On the United States recognition of the Jewish state, the spokesman said: "American recognition will not affect the determination of the Arab countries to wage war."

# Black Market In Opium

Stuttgart, May 15.  
The police here have arrested 20 men on charges of running a black market in opium. The arrests were made when the police seized quantities of the drug yesterday. The arrested were all men between 18 and 23; one was said to have stolen opium and morphine from a wholesale medical store.—Reuter.

# EXPLOSIONS IN MASSACHUSETTS

Everett, Mass., May 15.  
Explosions today levelled nine buildings and three storage tanks at the Eastern Gas and Fuel Association plant causing damage estimated at \$4,000,000.

At least one worker was killed and several were missing.

The wrecked buildings included three shops, two storeroom buildings, two office buildings, a laboratory and the new \$2,000,000 winter and gas generating building. Melted metal and twisted pipes were strewn over the area for 100 square yards.—United Press.

# MOSCOW'S HAND IN KOREAN ACTION

Seoul, May 15.

The American Commander, Lieutenant-General John Hodge, said today in a statement issued here that there was little doubt that orders for the date and time for the recent cutting off of south Korea's power supply came from Moscow.

He said that a careful review of the whole case led to the sole conclusion that the Soviet command in north Korea, through its Korean puppets, was using the club of cutting off power to the south as a political bludgeon against the "kind south Korean people" in an attempt to get them to surrender to Communist domination.

"They are adding it to the weapons of murder, sabotage, and arson that their south Korean stooges and infiltrated agents have been using so freely in recent months to destroy the democratic process in south Korea," General Hodge's statement added.

"After all other efforts have failed, they are using it as a means of pressure to intimidate the freedom-loving people of south Korea who, on May 10, expressed themselves so volubly at the polls in favour of a free and representative democracy for their nation."

"They are using it in retaliation against the 20,000,000 south Koreans, who have shown a solid front for Korean independence."—Reuter.

# Labour M.P.'s Complaint

London, May 16.

Konni Zilliacus, left wing Labour member of Parliament, today accused the "Voice of America" of misrepresentation.

In an open letter to the United States Embassy, he said a "Voice" broadcast on March 10 quoted him as saying the suicide of Jan Masaryk "showed the nature of the recent government changes in Czechoslovakia."

Not only was he misquoted, Zilliacus said, but the context of his remarks showed he attributed Masaryk's suicide to attacks made by Britain and the United States both on Masaryk and his government.—United Press.

# BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay

"The Authority on Authority"

WISHES NOT EXPRESSED  
BIDS DO NOT EXPRESS WISHES. They give information. It is up to the partner to use that information the best way he can or perhaps in return give additional information with his own next bid—or both "You said you wanted to play the hand in your suit when you bid it three times!"

is a kind of plaint often heard at the bridge table. To that the answer should be "I didn't say anything of the sort. I only told you my suit was of at least six cards, so you could use that knowledge in whatever way it might benefit us."

S. None  
H. J 9 7  
D. A 8  
C. A Q J 10 7 5 3 2  
S. Q 10 8 7 4  
H. 8 5 5 2  
D. 9 5 3 2  
C. None

1.04 p.m.—Mario Meli and His Tango Orchestra.  
1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.  
1.25 p.m.—Interlude.  
1.30 p.m.—George Melachrino (Vocal) His Orchestra (HDCRS).  
2.00 p.m.—Close Down.  
2.00 p.m.—Programme Summary.  
6.01 p.m.—George Boulanger and His Orchestra and Tito Gular (Vocal) (HDCRS).  
6.30 p.m.—Hospital Request Half Hour Presented by Nan Dickinson (Studio).  
7.00 p.m.—Orchestral Selections.  
7.30 p.m.—Portuguese Half Hour (Studio).  
8.00 p.m.—World and Home News (London Relay).  
8.15 p.m.—Piano Recital by Mary Tang (Studio).  
8.30 p.m.—"I Like What I Like" Presented by Norman Tucker (Studio).  
9.00 p.m.—Accent "Oh Rhythm" (HDCRS).  
9.15 p.m.—"Forsaken Base" A Talk on the Manpower Road, the 14th Army's Base in Burma as it is today—by Stephen Lafer (Studio).  
9.30 p.m.—Dance to Ambrose and His Orchestra.  
10.00 p.m.—World and Home News (London Relay).  
10.15 p.m.—Weather Report.  
10.15 p.m.—"Take Your Choice".  
11.00 p.m.—Radio News Real (London Relay).  
11.15 p.m.—Weather Report and Close Down.

South hollered at North for passing that spade game without a solitary trump. He pointed out that 5-Clubs from North would have brought six from him, seven being made, and that North's better bid of the Blackwood 4-No Trumps would have elicited enough information to reach out for the grand slam.

"But your bidding spades three times told me you wanted to play it in spades," pleaded North, which of course was layworn.

South was partly to blame for the disaster. He had a better bid available than the 4-Spades on his third turn—a cue-bid of 4-Hearts. Or the Blackwood 4-No Trumps would have been better after good bidding up to a certain point, both partners went sour, and suffered deserved punishment for their transgressions.

TOMORROW'S PROBLEM  
S. 5 2  
H. Q J 8  
D. A 7 6 3  
C. 8 4 3 2

S. 7 6 3  
H. 9 7 6  
D. 9 2  
C. K Q 10 9 8

S. Q 10 9  
H. K Q 10  
D. 5 3 2  
C. 8 5 7

S. A K J 5 4  
H. 7 6  
D. K Q J 10 4  
C. A 5

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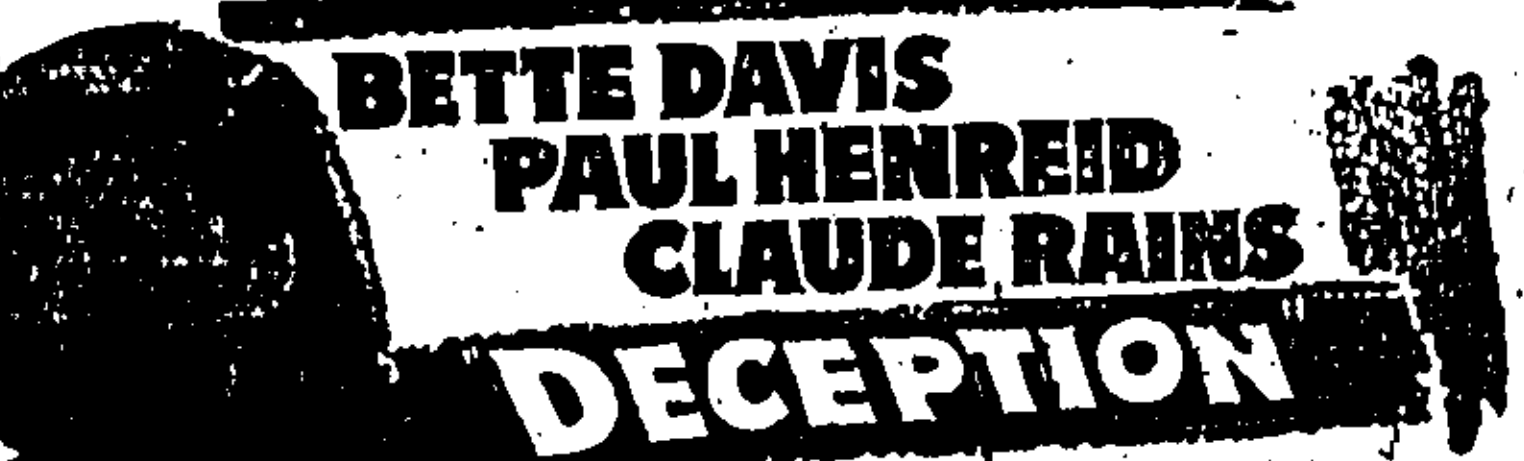
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### DEFENCE AGAINST AGGRESSION

In recent months the nations of Western Europe in their dealings with one another have been primarily occupied with economic problems. But if they are to be prosperous they must also be free and safe from aggression. Economic co-operation is the positive side of healthy international relations. But if it is to yield its results it must rest on military security. Therefore in the last few weeks, with the wonderfully successful conclusion of the meetings of the 16 Marshall countries in Paris, attention inevitably turns to the narrower, more negative but not less vital field of common defence. Here also good progress is being made. The U.S.A. has made it clear that it will back Western Europe with all its inexhaustible resources in case of a major threat from outside. And beyond that, five of the main countries of Western Europe—Britain, France and the Benelux group—have begun to discuss their joint military problems on the assumption that if there were to be yet another world war they would act together and not allow themselves to be disposed of one by one.

At first sight this news though in one sense encouraging is yet far from cheerful. Is it really necessary that less than three years after the end of the most destructive war in history the victor countries of the West should be thinking about defence against a yet further possible aggressor? It is necessary, for a number of different reasons. Germany is at the moment incapable of any further major act of aggression. Even if she were politically united she is economically helpless and will remain so for many years to come. But it is not to be supposed that the desire for aggression has been forever killed in the mind of the German nationalist. No long term plan for European economic revival can be realistic which does not face this straight issue: either Germany must be kept permanently in a state of economic subjection, or else if she is to be allowed to recover and play her part in European revival as a whole, her past victims must guard against her becoming once again a menace to their security. Therefore, the first object of the military discussions among the Western democracies is to dispose

once for all of the German threat. It can be said confidently that neither France nor the Benelux countries could ever play their full part in joint economic reconstruction if they were still overshadowed by the fear of invasion by a revived German Reich.

To the people of Britain, however—and still more to the people of America—the main threat is not felt to be Germany but Russia. There is no convincing ground for supposing that the rulers of the Soviet Union want war with the West. They are not ready for it, and its outcome (unless the Western world failed hopelessly to live up to its ideals) would not be in doubt. But Russia is today pursuing a policy, perhaps influenced by a mistaken conception of her own defensive needs, which has already led to the economic and ideological 'annexation' of half a dozen European countries. If the Kremlin had its way other European countries, too—Italy and France first—would share the fate of Czechoslovakia and the rest of Europe would in due course follow them into totalitarian slavery.

Russian strategy in the first instance pins its hopes on coups from within—on the accession to power of the Communists by ostensibly fair means. This strategy worked all too well in Czechoslovakia. It has not worked in Italy and thanks to the Marshall Plan it will not work elsewhere in Western Europe. Can we be sure Russia will accept her defeat as final? Is it not possible that political and ideological methods having failed the Kremlin may decide to resort to force of arms? Clearly it is possible—which is not to say that it is certain or even likely. But the military threat is there and can only be met by military means. If the Western world is ready to meet any attacks from the East then not merely can it be certain of being able to repel it should it materialise, it can also have good grounds for hoping that the threat itself will gradually evaporate. The theorists of the Kremlin, we know, are convinced that before long the Western world will be overwhelmed by a catastrophic economic collapse. Then, they believe, their chance will come. But if the nations of Western Europe prove that prognosis false while remaining firm and calm in the face of Russian threats and provocations, then the theorists of the Kremlin will have to think again. Thus the common defence measures now being concerted in London and Washington against possible aggression are a doubly necessary complement to the joint work of economic reconstruction. They are designed to ally fears of attack which, whether or not justified, are bound to hold up full economic co-operation. And beyond that they are calculated to discourage the potential aggressor from outside—just as economic recovery itself will dissolve the threat of Communism and revolution from within.



In every war in which the Royal Navy has claimed the command of the seas it has had to pay the price of exposing its means, targets to the enemy. The privateer, the raiding cruiser, and above all the U-boat, have in all the varying forms of war exacted a heavy toll upon the lifelines of our commerce and food supply.

A prime function of defence has therefore always been imposed upon us. From this fact the danger rises of our being driven or subsiding into a defensive naval strategy and habit of mind. Modern developments have aggravated this tendency. In the two great wars, during parts of which I was responsible for the control of the Admiralty, I have always sought to rupture this defensive obsession by searching for forms of counter-offensive. To make the enemy wonder where he is going to hit next may bring immeasurable value to the process of shepherding hundreds of convoys and thousands of merchantmen safely to port.

In the First World War I hoped to find in the Dardanelles, and later in an attack upon Borkum and other Frisian islands, the means of regaining the initiative. Power to study his own problems rather than ours. Called to the Admiralty again in 1939, I could not rest content with the policy of "convoy and blockade." I sought earnestly for a way of attacking Germany by naval means.

First and foremost gleamed the Baltic. The command of the Baltic by a British Fleet carried with it possibly decisive gains. Scandinavia, freed from the menace of German invasion, would thereby naturally be drawn into our system of war trade if not indeed into actual co-belligerency. A British Fleet in mastery of the Baltic would hold out a hand to Russia in a manner likely to be decisive upon the whole Soviet policy and strategy.

The command of the Baltic was the obvious supreme prize, not only for the Royal Navy but for Britain. Could it be won? In this new war the German Navy was no obstacle. Our superiority in heavy ships made us eager to engage them wherever and whenever there was opportunity.

Minelayers could be swept by the stronger naval power. The U-boats imposed no veto upon a fleet guarded by efficient flotillas. But now, instead of the powerful German Navy of 1914 and 1915, there was the Air Arm, formidable, unmeasured, and certainly increasing in importance with every month that passed. If two or three years earlier it had been possible to make an alliance with Soviet Russia, this might have been implemented by a British battle squadron joined to the Russian Fleet and based on Cronstadt. I commented this on the eve of the outbreak of 1939. Russia was an adverse neutral, balancing between antagonism and actual war. Sweden had several suitable harbours on which a British Fleet could be based. But Sweden could not be expected to expose herself to invasion by Germany.

Without the command of the Baltic we could not ask for a Swedish harbour. Without a Swedish harbour we could not have the command of the Baltic. Here was a deadlock in strategic thought. Was it possible to break it? It is always right to probe.

On the fourth day after I reached the Admiralty I asked that a plan for forcing a passage into the Baltic should be prepared by the Naval Staff. The Plans Division replied quickly that Italy and Japan must be neutral, that the threat of air attack appeared prohibitive; but that apart from this the Operation—justified detailed planning and should, if judged practicable, be carried out in March, 1940, or earlier.

Meanwhile I had long talks with the Director of Naval Construction, Sir Stanley Goodall, one of my friends from 1911-12, who was immediately captivated by the idea. I named the plan "Catherine," after Catherine the Great, because Russia lay in the background of my thought. On Sept. 12 was able to write a detailed Minute to the authorities concerned. Admiral Pound replied on the 20th that success would depend on Russia not joining Germany and on the assurance of co-operation by Norway and Sweden; and that we must be able to win the war against any probable combination of Powers without counting upon whatever force was sent into the Baltic. He was all for the exploration.

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## PLAN FOR THE BALTIC

highest attainments and dis-ought to carry all the modern improvements in gunnery and especially anti-aircraft defence. It is evident that along this line of solid argument a point is soon reached where one is no longer building a destroyer but a small cruiser. The displacement approaches or even exceeds 2,000 tons, and a crew of more than 200 sail the seas in these unarmoured ships, themselves an easy prey to any regular cruiser.

Lord Cork's ideas and mine rested upon the construction of capital ships specially adapted to withstand air and torpedo attack. I wished to convert two or three ships of the Royal Sovereign class for action inshore or in narrow waters by giving them super-bulges, against torpedoes and strong armour-plated decks against air-bombs.

For this I was prepared to sacrifice one or even two turrets

provements in gunnery and especially anti-aircraft defence. It is evident that along this line of solid argument a point is soon reached where one is no longer building a destroyer but a small cruiser. The displacement approaches or even exceeds 2,000 tons, and a crew of more than 200 sail the seas in these unarmoured ships, themselves an easy prey to any regular cruiser.

The destroyer is the chief weapon against the U-boat, but as it grows ever larger it becomes itself a worthwhile target. The line is passed where the hunter becomes the hunted. We could

Problems of construction occupied Mr. Churchill from the moment he returned to the Admiralty, and he was particularly attracted by the idea of converting certain capital ships for a Baltic expedition.

and seven or eight knots speed. Quite apart from the Baltic, this would give us facilities for offensive action, both off the enemy's North Sea coast, and even more in the Mediterranean.

On the 26th Lord Cork presented his preliminary appreciation, based of course on a purely military study of the problem. He considered the operation, which he would of course have commanded, perfectly feasible but hazardous. He asked for a margin of at least 20 per cent. over the German Fleet on account of expected losses in the passage.

If we were to act in 1940 the assembly of the Fleet and all necessary training must be complete by the middle of February. Time did not therefore permit the deck armouring and side blistering of the Royal Sovereigns, on which I counted. Here was another deadlock.

One of my first duties at the Admiralty was to examine the existing programmes of new construction and war expansion which had come into force on the outbreak.

In 1936 and 1937 five new battleships had been laid down which would come into service in 1940 and 1941. Four more battleships had been authorised by Parliament in 1938 and 1939, which could not be finished for five or six years from the date of order. Nineteen cruisers were in various stages of construction.

I greatly desired to build a few 14,000-ton cruisers carrying 9.2-inch guns, with good armour against 8-inch projectiles wide radius of action and superior speed to any existing Deutschland or other German cruiser. Hitherto the treaty restrictions had prevented such a policy. Now that we were free from them, the hard priorities of war intervened an equally decisive veto on such long-term plans.

Destroyers were our most urgent need, and also our worst feature. None had been included in the 1938 programme, but 10 had been ordered in 1939. In all, 32 of these indispensable craft were in the yards, and only nine could be delivered before the end of 1940. The irresistible tendency to make each successive flotilla an improvement upon the last had lengthened the time of building to nearer three than two years.

Naturally the Navy liked to have vessels capable of riding out the Atlantic swell and large en-

not have too many destroyers, but their perpetual improvement and growth imposed severe limitation on the numbers the yards could build, and deadly delay in completion.

On the other hand there are seldom less than 2,000 British merchant ships at sea, and the sailings in and out of our home ports amounted each week to several hundreds of ocean-going vessels and several thousands of coastwise traders.

To bring the convoy system into play, to patrol the narrow seas, to guard the hundreds of ports of the British Isles, to serve our bases all over the world, to protect the mine-sweepers in their ceaseless task, all required an immense multiplication of small armed vessels. Numbers and speed of construction were the dominating conditions.

I pressed that all work likely to compete with essential construction should be stopped on large vessels which could not come into service before the end of 1940, and that the multiplication of our anti-submarine fleets must be effected by types capable of being built within 12 months, or, if possible, eight.

For the first type we revived the name Corvette. Orders for 50 of these had been placed shortly before the outbreak of war, but none were yet laid down. Later and improved vessels of a similar type ordered in 1940 were called Frigates.

Besides this, a great number of small craft of many kinds, particularly trawlers, had to be converted with the utmost dispatch and fitted with guns, depth charges and Asdic; motor launches of new Admiralty design were also required in large numbers for coastal work.

Eventually my view about Baltic strategy and battleship reconstruction prevailed in the protracted discussions. The designs were made and the orders were given. However, one reason after another was advanced, some of them well-founded, for not putting the work in hand.

The Royal Sovereigns, it was said, might be needed for convoy in case the German pocket battleships or eight-inch gun cruisers broke loose. It was represented that the scheme involved unacceptable interference with other vital work, and a plausible case could be shown for alternative priorities for our labour and armour.

I deeply regretted that I was never able to achieve my conception of a squadron of very heavily deck-armoured ships of no more than 15 knots, bristling with anti-aircraft guns and capable of withstanding to a degree not enjoyed by any other vessel alike both air and underwater attacks.

When in 1941 and 1942 the defence and succouring of Malta became so vital, when we had every need to bombard Italian ports and, above all, Tripoli, others felt the need as much as I. It was then too late.

Throughout the war the Royal Sovereigns remained an expensive and an anxiety. They had none of them been rebuilt like their sisters the Queen Elizabeths, and when the possibility of bringing them into action against the Japanese fleet which entered the Indian Ocean in April, 1942, presented itself, the only thought of the Admiralty, the spot of Adm. Pound and the Minister of Defence, was to put as many thousands of miles as possible between them and the enemy in the shortest possible time.

One of the first steps I took on taking charge of the Admiralty and becoming a member of the War Cabinet was to form a statistical department of my own. For this purpose I relied on Professor Lindemann [now Lord Cherwell], my friend and confident of so many years. I now installed him at the Admiralty with half-a-dozen statisticians and economists whom we could trust to pay no attention to anything but realities.

This group of very able men, with access to all official information, was able, under Lindemann's guidance, to present me continually with tables and diagrams, illustrating the whole war so far as it came within our knowledge.

At this time there was no general Government Statistical Organisation. Each Department presented its tale on its own figures and data. The Air Ministry counted one way, the War Office another, the Ministry of Supply and the Board of Trade, though meaning the same thing, talked different dialects.

This led sometimes to misunderstandings and waste of time when some point or other came to a crunch in the Cabinet. I had, however, from the beginning, my own sure, steady source of information, every part of which was integrally related to all the rest.

(To Be Continued)

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## Monsieur De Paris Out Of A Job?

Paris, May 15. Renewed agitation against the guillotine as a means of execution may cost France's official executioner, nicknamed "Monsieur de Paris," his job.

In private life he is 70-year-old Jules Desfourneaux, who took over the job from his uncle, and now lives quietly with his wife, who is a midwife, on the banks of the Seine.

Burly and bowler-hatted, Desfourneaux recently struck work for an increase on his 1939 wage. Nine victims were temporarily "reprieved" until he got a 20 per cent. raise.

Like his predecessor, Desfourneaux has a reputation for kindness. When a man was shot during the German occupation, he gave his customers their traditional "last tot" from his personal stocks. But his trade is dying.

Already the provinces use a firing squad on grounds of economy, instead of importing the guillotine. A smaller version of the "widow," the official guillotine at the Sainte Prison, from Paris.—Reuter.

## SUNNY WHITSUN IN LONDON

London, May 15. London was cheered by blue skies, sunshine and every prospect of a perfect week-end today. Those going by rail travelled in comfort, thanks to the 2,000 extra trains being run by British Railways for their first big holiday rush since nationalisation. There were large queues at railway stations, however, and at Waterloo, the queue for Southampton and Bournemouth was ten deep from the platform barrier to the station main entrance.—Reuter.

## CARNIVAL By Dick Turner



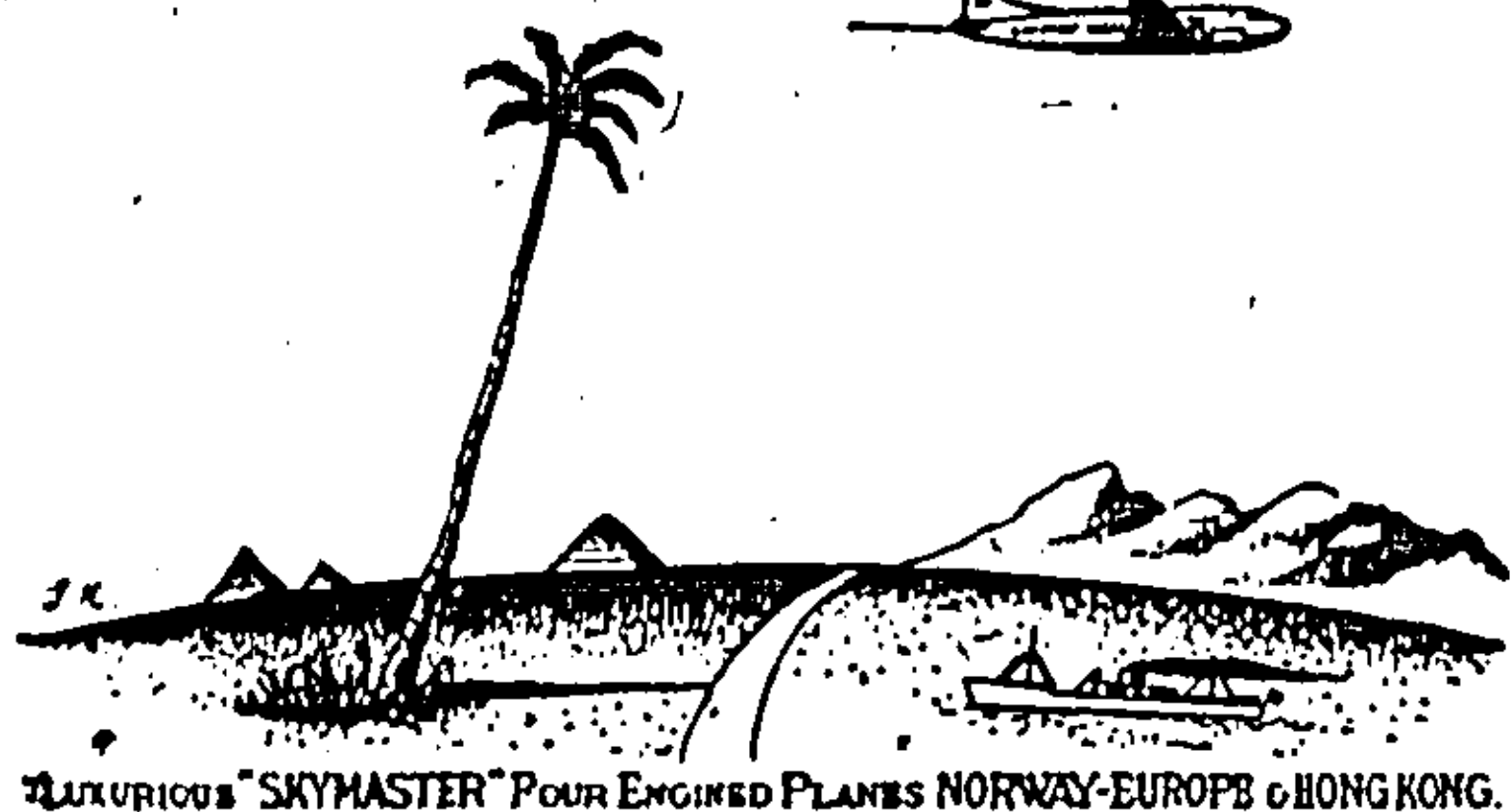
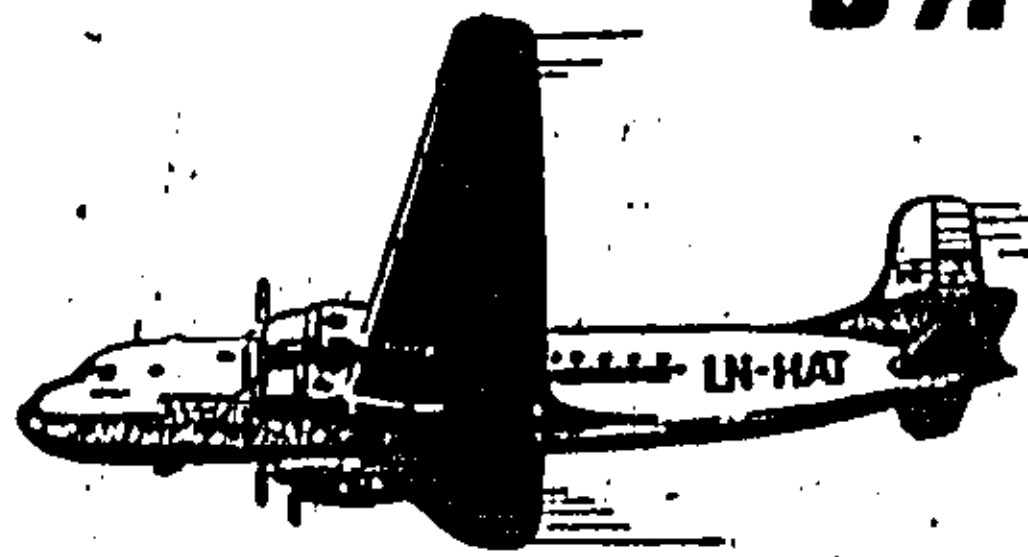
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# ISRAEL'S APPEAL FOR SANCTIONS ON ARABS

## 'ACT QUICKLY SINCE EVERY HOUR COUNTS'

Lake Success, May 15.

The Jewish state of Israel today appealed to an emergency meeting of the Security Council to order a halt to Arab invasions of Palestine and, if necessary, to impose economic and military sanctions.

Mordecai Eliahu, prominent Jewish attorney representing the day-old Jewish nation, appealed to the Council to act quickly against the invading Arab states, because "every hour counts."

The Council, at the same time, received a cable from the Egyptian Government saying that Egypt's invasion was designed to halt the alleged Nazi-like "persecution, torture and murder" committed by "terrorist Jewish gangs."

There was little faith among United Nations observers in the Council's ability to deal effectively with the Arab invasion. After a 3-1/2 hours debate in which neither Russia nor the United States voiced a word, the Council was adjourned until Monday afternoon.

Immediately before the Monday meeting the Big Five will gather to name a special United Nations mediator authorized by the General Assembly to go to Palestine and seek an Arab-Jewish settlement. The Western powers, leading candidate is Swedish Count Folke Bernadotte.

### China Criticizes

The Council also received a message from the Zionist spokesman, Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, calling for action against King Abdullah. Silver charged that Britain failed to keep her promise that all units of Abdullah's British-trained Arab Legion would be withdrawn from Palestine before the end of the British mandate.

Britain's Sir Alexander Cadogan countered the Jewish charge by declaring that the last two units of the Legion left Palestine last night.

China implicitly criticized the United States for recognizing the state of Israel and suggested that the Council withdraw the American member of its three-nation Truce Commission now in the Holy Land.

T. F. Tsiang said the United Nations has "robbed the American member of the Truce Commission of its usefulness." He said the United Nations aim should be peace and China feels that there cannot be military peace without a political truce.

### "Vulgar Terms"

The cable from the Egyptian Government, signed by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ahmad Mohammed Khachab, said that Egypt invaded the Holy Land "to establish security and order in the place of chaos and disorder."

It said the invasion was not "directed against Palestine Jews but against terrorist Zionist gangs" which "are pursuing a policy of persecution, torture and murder adopted by the Nazis in Germany."

Eliahu, representing Israel, blasted at the Egyptian cable and said that it was "couched in the most violent and vulgar terms, which forcibly remind one of similar pronouncements made by Hitler and other aggressors... Justifying the very fact of aggression which they have thus endeavored to mask into a noble act of saving the victims of imaginary persecution. Never has there been an act of aggression so wanton, so unprovoked and so frankly confessed."

Appealing for prompt, forceful Council action, Eliahu said, "The prospect of preventing the development of this aggression depends upon the speed and vigor with which the Security Council acts. Every hour counts."—United Press.

## Jews Celebrating In Sober Mood

Tel Aviv, May 15.

Tel Aviv celebrated its first night as the capital of the newly-proclaimed Jewish State of "Israel" in a sober mood.

The city's main streets, normally blazing with lights and neon signs, were unnaturally steeped in gloom.

The Jewish authorities ordered a blackout and other defence measures which brought back to many here memories of London and other European cities during September, 1939.

In their homes—and hotels, however, Jewish families and groups of friends gathered together and quietly celebrated their new national status.

Before dusk yesterday, ships

lying at anchor in Tel Aviv harbor did not display their national bunting in honor of the proclamation of the new Jewish State.

There were many flags, the blue and white Jewish national flag predominating, flying from public and private buildings, while most cars carried similar favours.

Buses and lorries came into the city from nearby settlements for the celebrations, but apart from a few banner-spattered processions, there was little public rejoicing.

The Jews are not under-estimating what lies before them and they are mobilising all men up to 35 with very few exceptions to face the threatened Arab invasion.—Reuter.

## Shriners' Pilgrimage

San Francisco, May 15.

About 40 members of the Islam Shrine Temple here, and their families, will make a pilgrimage to the Far East in June. Islam potentate Roy N. Buell will head the group which will sail on the liner President Wilson on June 26.

At Shanghai, 150 candidates will be initiated under the first dispensation granted since the war for an induction ceremony outside North America. The San Francisco Shriners will be guests at receptions in Honolulu, Manila and Tokyo. The ship also will call at Hong Kong.—Associated Press.

## SHANGHAI STUDENT PLOT

Shanghai, May 16.

Five graduates of the National Chiao Tung University were yesterday reported arrested by security authorities on suspicion of being involved in a Communist-inspired student plot, according to the China Press.

Although inquiries at Police Headquarters failed to secure any confirmation of the report, student circles are spreading the news of the arrests.

Chiao Tung University students are said to have met last night to issue "measures for rescuing" the arrested colleagues.—Reuter.

## PASSENGERS COMPLAIN

Lisbon, May 16.

Thirty-eight passengers, including Agapito Pedrosorodi Gues, Portuguese Minister to Argentina, disembarked at Lisbon last night from the Argentine ship Juanguaya, after presenting a complaint to the Lisbon authorities against the captain of the ship, who sailed to Genoa without leaving the luggage and trunks of passengers at Lisbon. The passengers "must" now await the ship's return within 30 days.—United Press.

## SATELLITE STATES TO RECOGNISE ISRAEL?

London, May 16.

Eastern European diplomatic sources today strongly hinted at the early recognition of the state of Israel by the countries of Eastern Europe.

Informed Whitehall circles anticipate that Albania, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, Hungary, Poland and Rumania will soon recognize it.

The attitude of Russia itself is still a matter for speculation. It is argued in London diplomatic circles that Russia's interest would demand a speedy recognition of the Jewish state.

Both Czechs and Poles recalled that they favoured the Palestine partition from the outset and indicated that they may set an example to other Easterners in recognizing the Jewish state.

Czechoslovakia played a leading part in working out the original United Nations partition plan and the Polish Government recently gave both moral and material support to the Zionist cause by enabling a 100-million zloty collection to be carried out in Poland for the fighting fund of Haganah.—United Press.

Dr. William Haber, special adviser on Jewish affairs to the American Military Government, said today that he believed that male Jews between 17 and 35 and willing to fight, would be offered top priority to go to the Holy Land from displaced persons camps in the American zone of Germany.

He expected the Jewish Agency to set up a priority list which "obviously will not include old people at first," Dr. Haber said. He knew that the Haganah had been recruiting displaced persons but denied that any military training had been given to Jews in the American zone.

General Lucius D. Clay, United States Military Governor, said that he assumed that there would be no limit to the number of legal permits enabling Jewish displaced persons to emigrate.

Saying that the American authorities would do their utmost to expedite the movement of Jews, General Clay said that progress would depend largely upon transport facilities and the recognition of Israel by countries through which the immigrants would have to pass.—Reuter.

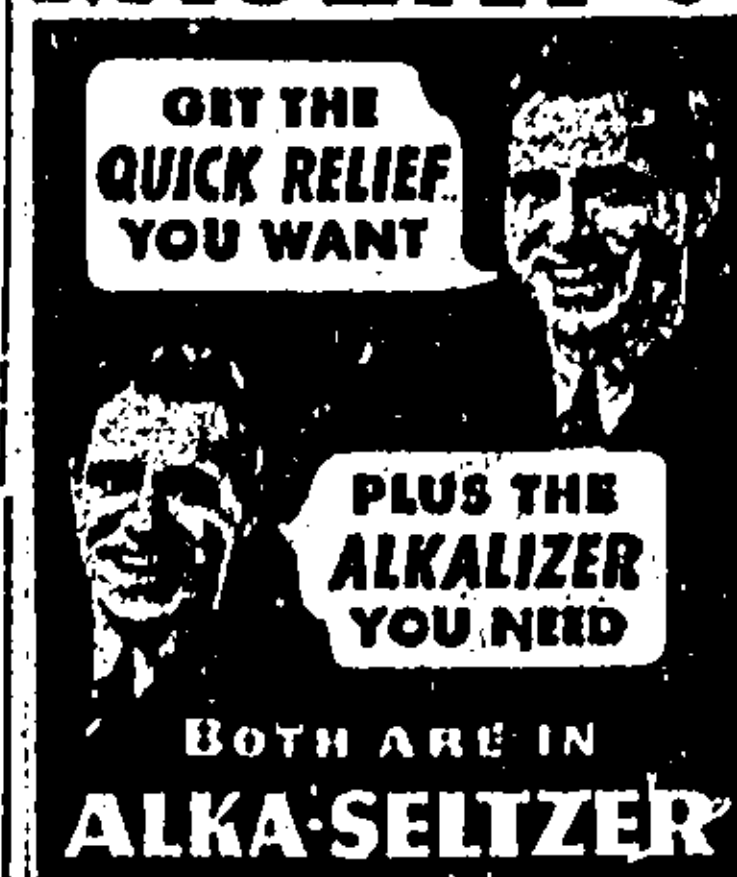
## LABOUR PEER DEAD

London, May 14.

Lord Dukeson, a former President of the Trades Union Congress and a Director of the Bank of England, died in a London hospital today, aged 87.

As Charles Pures—he was made a baron last year—he was twice a Labour Member of Parliament. He was an adviser to the British delegation at the Paris Peace Conference and British delegate to the United Nations Economic and Social Council charged with the drafting of the International Bill of Human Rights.—Reuter.

## MORNING MISERY?

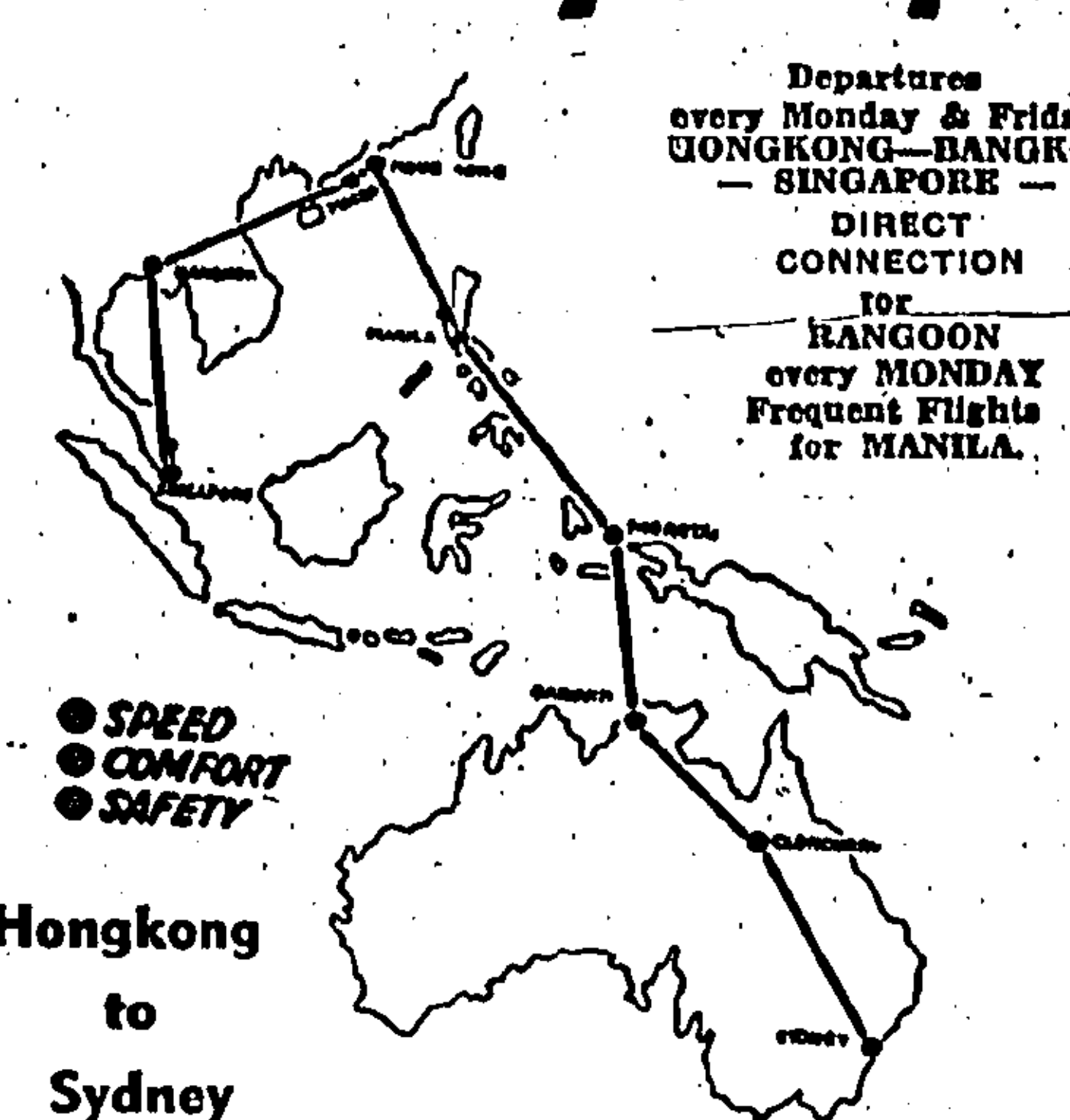


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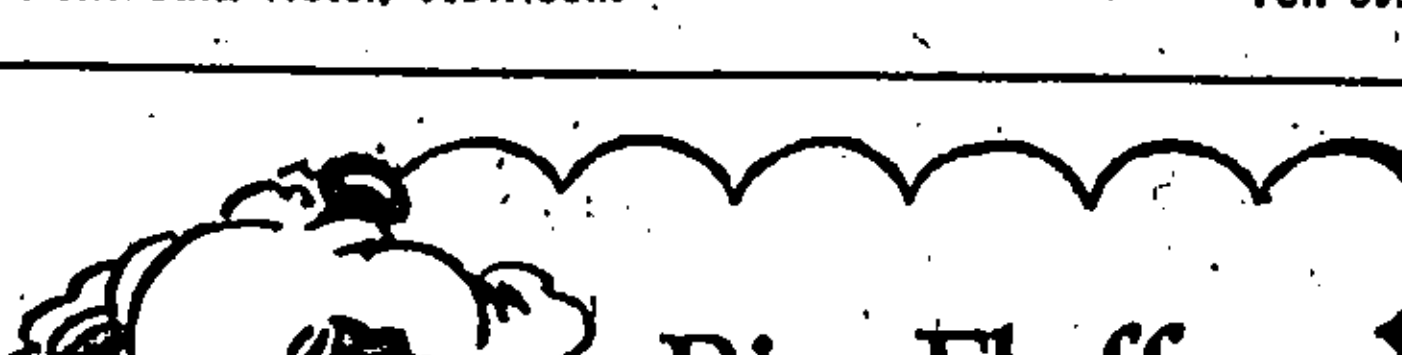
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## BRUTAL MURDER OF YOUNG CHILD

Blackburn, May 15.

Three-year-old June Ann Dovaney of Princess Street, Waterfall, Blackburn, was found murdered this morning in the grounds of Queen's Park Hospital here, where she has been recovering from pneumonia.

## Nenni Socialist Group Splitting

Rome, May 15.

Communism's Socialist allies in Italy appeared to be moving towards a more independent status today. The Socialist Party's National Council met today and agreed to demands for a national congress to re-assess Party policies.

Basso Lello who, as Party Secretary-General, stood with Pietro Nenni at the centre of the movement for the closest possible relations with the Communists, told the meeting he would not be a candidate for Secretary-General at the new Congress.

He said he would withdraw in the interests of Party peace. Nothing was heard from Nenni, who has remained in almost complete retirement since the elections. Friends reported him "a disillusioned, heartbroken man" following the Socialists' heavy defeat in the April elections.—Associated Press.

London, May 14.

Orient Airways have appointed Captain T. Neville Stack as their general manager. Stack has had a distinguished career and has figured in pioneer flights in his day. He leaves for Pakistan on May 19.—Associated Press.

## MELCHIOR TOUR OF ENGLAND

New York, May 15.

Lauritz Melchior, opera star, left by plane for Copenhagen to open a concert tour of Denmark, England, Ireland and the American zone of Germany.

Melchior's wife, who is accompanying him, said that this will be the singer's first appearance in England since 1939.—Associated Press.



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The lesson of the Hitler war was the strategic value of Norway. It is a lesson which has not been lost on Stalin.

## A SURVEY OF EUROPE'S STORM CENTRE

The main Norwegian North Sea port, Bergen, is 300 miles from Scotland, and Norway is entwined with Finland, which is now being forged into the Soviet Power System.

These simple geographical facts mean that what happens in Helsinki directly concerns Glasgow. In 1940 Norway was beyond the range of British-based fighter aircraft, and that was why we lost the Norwegian campaign. Today we fly jet-fighters over Norway to Sweden, which is building a frontline strength of 450 modern British defensive aircraft, and before the defence was Germany was constructing rocket-launching platforms on the Norwegian coast in order to submit us to two-way V2 fire.

In fact, Norway is a keypoint in modern warfare against Great Britain. Hitler realised this before we did in 1940 and even when the Battle of Germany demanded all available manpower, he kept 350,000 men in Norway. In 1948, Stalin realises, as clearly as Hitler did, the strategic importance of Norway and the North as a wedge between the Russian attempt to incorporate Finland in the Soviet Eastern bloc this Spring. Finland is the thin end of the wedge.

### Misgivings

Finland has a 400 miles Arctic frontier with Norway and still further north the U.S.S.R. has adjoined Norway since Finland ceded the Arctic port of Petsamo to Russia in the 1947 Peace Treaty. Moscow and the Soviet Press have documented claims to Norway's strategic Arctic islands, Spitzbergen, Bear and Jan Mayen, which command the North Atlantic sealanes.

Already the Kremlin is known to have prepared a Note to Norway proposing an alliance. The formula is understood to be that Norway is Russia's last European neighbour (apart from Finland, which is now negotiating a pact) without an alliance with the U.S.S.R.; that Norway was a victim of Nazi aggression and must be protected by Russia against German military revival; and that Norway should welcome Soviet assistance since Northern Norway (Pitmeur) was liberated by the Red Army.

Without solid support from Sweden and Denmark and explicit assurances from the Western Powers it is difficult to see how little Norway alone could reject such a Russian proposal.

The failure of the Anglo-French campaign in 1940 has left misgivings concerning the value of Western aid. These doubts have been increased by Britain's post-war difficulties.

Norway herself has recovered remarkably quickly and there is a tendency towards self-satisfaction. Moreover, Communist traditions in Norway are strong.

### Vulnerability Of Sweden

The Norwegian Communist chiefs are Emil Lovlie, Chairman of the Party; Peder Farnbo, General Secretary; and Jorgen Vort, editor of the party organ Friheten. It was this trio which attended the surreptitious Scandinavian Communist Conference in Oslo on February 22, when a common strategy was drawn up for handling the im-

minent first of the proposed Russo-Finnish Pact and secondly the Russo-Norwegian project.

Once Norway and Finland are in the Communist bag, Sweden will become even more vulnerable than she is already, to Communist infiltration. Territoriality she will be encircled by Communism internally she will have to cope with a large and influential Communist Fifth Column, which already has 13 members in the Riksdag. At the 1946 General Election the Communists polled 373,000 votes. How dangerous the movement is

an improvisation thus paralysing Swedish thought and action in an emergency.

In short, Sweden stands wide open to the Communist menace. Shocks in Prague and Helsinki have awakened Swedes to their danger. Off-the-record Foreign Office Press Conferences have been stopped, lest confidential military and economic information should fall into the hands of Tass. Strict control of "tourists" in prohibited areas has been instituted. Commanding Officers send known Communists to unimportant

Sweden. But the Russian Zone is only 125 miles away by land and is point-blank over the Baltic. The Danish island Bornholm, which was liberated by the Red Army, sits far enough eastward to qualify Denmark as a Soviet "neighbour."

Arms have already been smuggled secretly into Denmark from the Soviet Zone.

Danish Home Guard officers, however, have resolved not to instruct Communists in the use of arms lest the Communists should turn their weapons against their own compatriots.

### Red Cordon Sanitaire

The time-table for Soviet integration of Scandinavia in the Eastern bloc, as laid down clandestinely at Oslo on Feb. 22, was Finland I, Norway II, Sweden III, and Denmark IV. Thus Russia hopes first to complete her cordon sanitaire; secondly to open the way for launching a Northern offensive in any Third World War; thirdly to close the Baltic and the Arctic Ocean against attack from the West at Leningrad or Murmansk; and, fourthly, to add 17,000,000 highly civilised people to the Soviet Power System.

Somewhere, at some time, somebody will have to draw the line as to how far this programme, which dates from the Tsars, is going to be allowed to succeed. By themselves, the Scandinavians are powerless to draw anything firmer than a dotted line.

## REPORT FROM NORWAY BY RALPH HEWINS

may be judged by the last wartime statistics compiled by the Swedish Intelligence Service. Registered party members numbered 58,050 in 1945, and in a country of 6,500,000 that is useful.

Surprisingly, many self-styled "non-political" Swedish businessmen have their eyes to the main chance should Russia establish a Scandinavian hegemony, especially since Sweden is tied to a huge Soviet trade agreement. Many leading literary and artistic Swedes openly embrace Soviet culture.

Neutrality has been magnified into a cardinal virtue instead of

posts and it is unofficially suggested that Communists should be banned from the Service.

Trade union organisations have decided to take the gloves off with the Communists. That is to say, the Swedish trade unions have decided (a) not to collaborate with Communists in elections; (b) not to join with Communists in May 1 celebrations; (c) not give Communists access to Socialist election funds.

Denmark, having no existing land frontier with Russia, is in a better position than Finland or Norway and, having the British Zone in Germany on her Southern border, is in better heart than

## JEWISH DIPLOMACY IS ONE UP--BUT ARABS SCORE IN FIGHTING

London, May 15.

A diplomatic success for the Jews and a military success for the Arabs marked the start of the struggle for the Holy Land on the first day after the termination of the British mandate for Palestine.

Israel's first diplomatic success—its de facto recognition by the United States—is substantial.

If, as seems probable, this is followed by recognition by the Soviet Union and the states of Eastern Europe, and the British Commonwealth countries, the two greatest world powers will be committed to the belief that the State of Israel is destined to survive its initial conflict with the Arab world.

A Foreign Office spokesman said in London today that "in view of the confused situation in Palestine, no consideration has been given to the question of recognising the Jewish State."

### Not Consulted

He added that the British Government had not been consulted by the United States before recognition was afforded from Washington.

The Arab military programme has got under way with more speed and determination than was generally expected in London.

Until today, the Jewish fighting forces have not had to sustain attacks from modern aircraft. The use of Arab Spitfires to dive-bomb the new capital city of Tel Aviv must be expected to have an important effect on Jewish tactics.

The immediate invasion of Palestine by regular Egyptian forces makes the Arab assault a serious affair, than Zionist spokesmen have ever been willing to admit.

### British Planes

As far as could be judged from the official reticence preserved in London today, the British Government intends to maintain an unembarrassed alliance over the Arab use of Spitfires against the Jewish State.

It is the implied view in official quarters here that Britain is not able to control the use to which the Arab states may put the arms they receive under British treaties.—Reuter.

### GASOLINE TANK FIRE

Glenwood Springs, Colorado, May 15.—An explosive fire originating in a cluster of gasoline storage tanks caused an estimated \$750,000 damage before it was extinguished after three hours' fighting today.

Seventeen persons were treated for burns. The police estimated that 75 persons in all suffered minor injuries in fighting the inferno. The burnt out wreckage included 11 gasoline storage tanks, three business houses, a railroad freight depot, five homes, a number of railroad cars and storage sheds and a lumber yard.—United Press.

## Austrian Nazis To Die

Vienna, May 16.

The Austrian People's Court today sentenced three Nazis to death and meted out long prison terms to three others for neo-Nazi activities.

The six were found to be ringleaders of a group of some 200 Nazi party officials and army officers, who planned an insurrection against the Austrian democracy in the western zones in 1946.

Meanwhile the Ministry of Justice announced that three SS officers were hanged this morning in the gallows court of the Vienna Municipal Penitentiary for the murder of some 20 Austrian anti-Fascists.

The trio were Johann Braun, Johann Walner and Joseph Weninger. They were officers in charge of the Wiener Neustadt district in 1945.—United Press.

## Gen. Hodge Praised

Washington, May 15.—The Army Secretary, Kenneth Royall, congratulated Lieutenant General John R. Hodge on the orderly conduct of Monday's Korean election.

In a cable message to the U.S. Occupation Commander, Royall said: "Current news reports on the elections just completed indicate that an exceptionally large percentage of eligible voters actually cast ballots. Disorder at the polls and during pre-election days was remarkably low in the face of concerted Communist efforts to disrupt the election and discredit U.S. and U.N. efforts. Highest praise is due you and members of your command for a most difficult and hazardous job well done."—Associated Press.

## KING GUSTAV IN STOCKHOLM

Stockholm, May 15.—King Gustav returned today from his two-months' French Riviera holiday. He alighted sunburnt and smiling from the train to be greeted by the Crown Prince and Princess and members of the Swedish Government.—Reuter.

## Disguised As Sheep

Pelplin, May 16.

The Communists' beseeching Vlasov's army dynamite was ambling into the city on all four legs disguised as sheep, a Nationalist communique said today.

It charged that the Reds took advantage of the darkness of the night and wore black sheep hides, but said that all "Trojan" sheep were repulsed.—United Press.

## Talks On Again In Batavia

Batavia, May 15.

The Dutch delegation, seeking a settlement with the Indonesian Republicans, has asked them to recognise Dutch sovereignty until power is transferred to the proposed United States of Indonesia.

The negotiations, sponsored by the Security Council's "good offices" committee, were resumed yesterday when the Republican delegation returned from Jogjakarta, after conferring with its Government.

It was understood that the Dutch have now stated that they will not compromise on any of the political principles of the "Renville" truce—an agreement signed last January, which outlined 12 points for a political settlement between the Dutch and the Indonesians.

Other points believed to have been made by the Dutch negotiators include an urgent call for Republican participation in an Indonesian Provisional Federal Government; the necessity for merging armed forces; and the need for regularising the currency.—Reuter.

## 18,000 Jews Dance In Cyprus

Nicosia, Cyprus, May 15.

The 18,000 to 25,000 Jews of usually 2000 Caracolas and Kyliotom camps swarmed out for community dancing in the squares of their exile camps tonight.

The British mandate over Palestine was ended, a Jewish state had been proclaimed and they were joyfully awaiting their chance to finish their trek to the Holy Land.

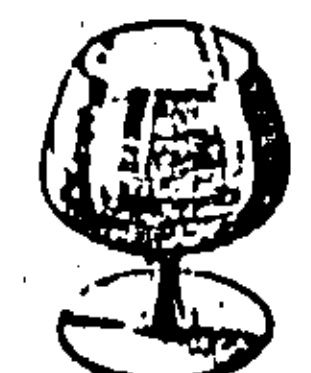
Some of the Jews have been interned here since the beginning of 1947 when the British began sending to Cyprus all of those taken from ships trying to run the blockade into the Holy Land. They will be shipped out as nearly as possible in the order in which they arrived, a leader said.—Associated Press.

Merced, Calif., May 15.—Six B-29's left Castle Airbase today for Okinawa via Anchorage and Shemya field in the Aleutians. The Army Air Forces said 24 more Superforts will depart in groups of six daily for the next four days.—United Press.



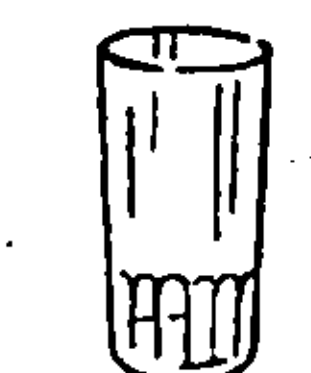
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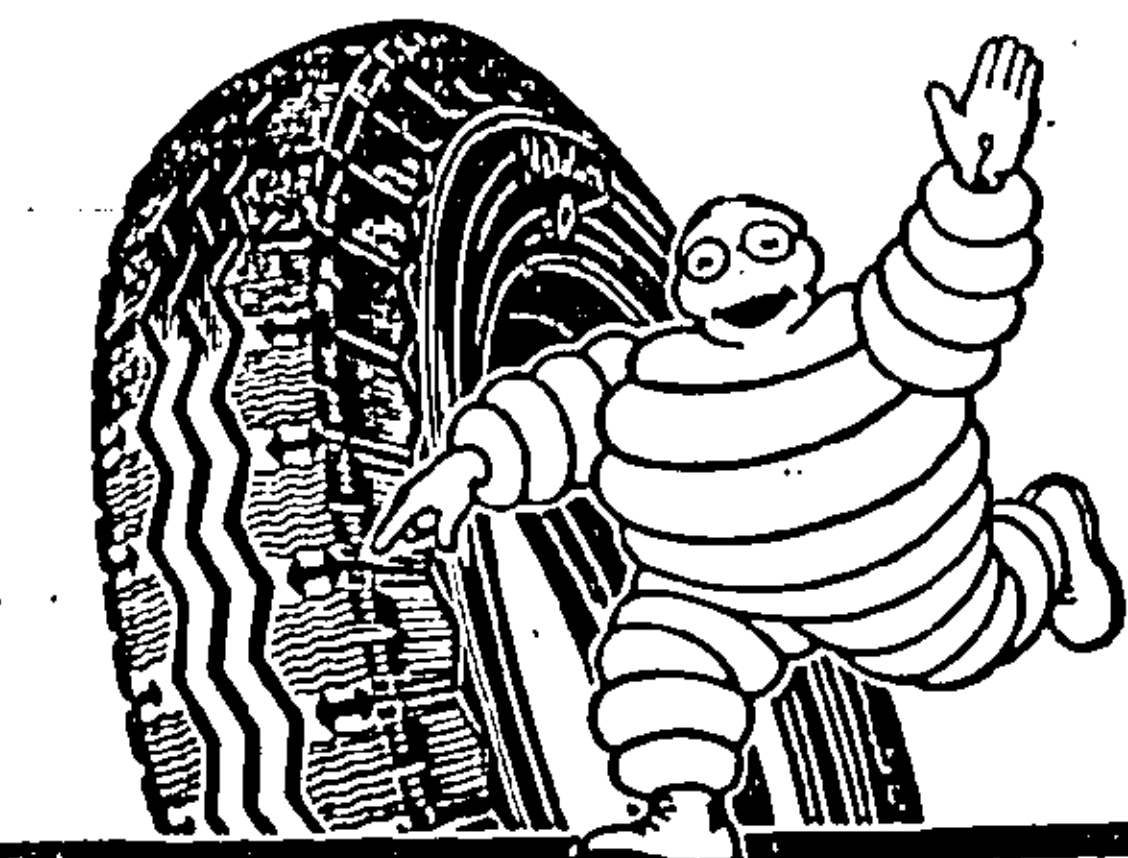
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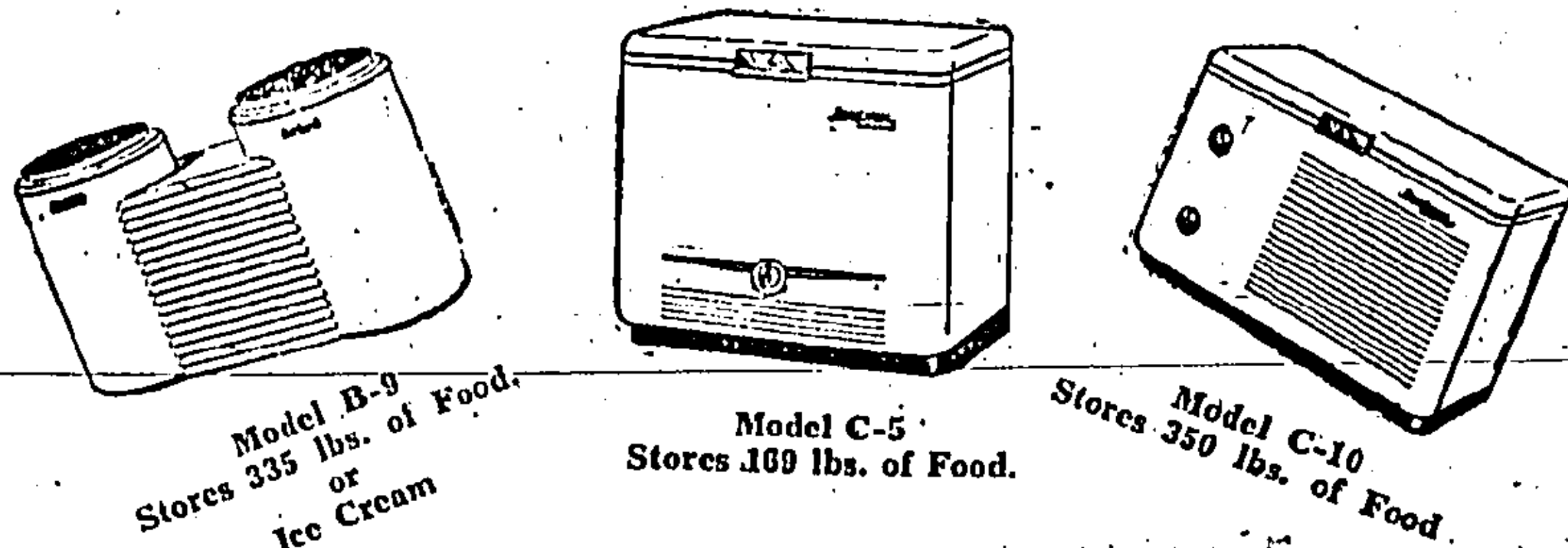
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On the First Day, Saturday 15th May, the First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the first race will be run at 2.00 p.m.; on the Second Day, Monday 17th May, the First Bell will be rung at 1.30 a.m. and the first Race will be run at 12 noon. The Tiffin interval will be after the fourth race (1.30 p.m.).

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE. Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10 each day including tax are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all chits etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the RACE COURSE.

The Treasurers' Comptroller's Office will close at 9.30 a.m. each day. The Secretary's Office will close at 4.45 a.m. the first day and at 10 a.m. on the second day. Both Offices, at 1st Floor, Exchange Building.

A limited number of tiffins will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

THE PRICE OF PUBLIC ENCLOSURE. The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3 each day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

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Refreshments will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

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## AMERICA THINKS IT OVER

"Peace Contact" With The Soviet Union

## Getting Problems Into Focus

Washington, May 15.

American officials have begun to re-examine this week's "peace contact" with the Soviet Union to determine whether it offers real hope of easing "the cold war."

There is a belief that Premier Josef Stalin and the Politburo are doing the same thing.

Some of Washington's most experienced political observers say that if there is any substantial basis for beginning talks with the Russians again on political issues, this is the time it will be discovered and explored.

Much of the hullabaloo which began last Monday only served to obscure the real problems. Practically all the statements issued in Washington were designed to get these problems into focus again.

## Door Open

The result is that the door to peace in the cold war which the U.S. Ambassador to Moscow, General Walter Bedell Smith, and the Russian Foreign Minister, V. M. Molotov, opened so gingerly, is still open.

This despite the fact that the Russians' unexpected announcement turned secret diplomatic negotiations into a contest between Russia and America over the issue of peace with a view to propaganda value in the eyes of the world.

Today, however, explosive statements are no longer in the headlines and the propaganda position of the United States versus Russia is under control.

American diplomats are resuming the struggle with the real problem of determining what might be accomplished on the basis of Russia's declaration of good intentions and willingness to meet at a conference.

## Gromyko Transfer

It seems likely that in the next week or two one country or the other will send a note inquiring what specific issue might be suitable for discussion, if not for settlement.

The replacement of Andrei A. Gromyko, Soviet symbol of the veto in the United Nations, by the Deputy Foreign Minister,

Jacob Malik, may possibly be a move in the direction of cooperation. There is no specific information on this or many other points of Russian behaviour, however.—Associated Press.

## General Climbs Down On Press Gag Policy

Frankfurt, May 16.

General Lucius D. Clay, American Military Governor of Germany, today erased from the order on press policy a passage which correspondents had assailed as censorship at the source of news.

The General read to reporters a revision of the order eliminating the phrase empowering any soldier or government employee to withhold information he decides is "not of public interest."

The affected passage now reads: "The principle of freedom of the press is accepted, there being only three reasons for refusal to issue news:—

"Firstly, observation of security requirements involved. Secondly, matters under diplomatic negotiation which have not yet been concluded or if concluded are to be released by some higher authority.

"Thirdly, matters of a privileged nature which are to be interpreted as those matters involving personal correspondence of a semi-official nature which under normal courtesy, should be released either by the sender or by the person to whom the correspondence is addressed."

## Off The Record

"All persons of this command are encouraged to make available any and all news items other than as listed above."

Frequently off the record discussion for background purposes may be desirable in the interest of protecting security. Members of the Correspondents Association of Frankfurt told General Clay that they were satisfied with the change. The Association had protested in writing General Clay's order of April 9 which included the following: "the principle of the freedom of the Press is accepted there being only three reasons for refusing to issue news."

## Compensation For Britain

Singapore, May 15.

The Secretary of the Association of British Commonwealth Mining Interests in Siam stated today that the Siamese government has made full payment of £1,250,000 compensation to British-owned mines.

The money is compensation for losses to property and stocks during the war with the Japanese.—Associated Press.

## "Be Careful Princess"

Paris, May 16.

The visit of Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh to France took the honours in the Paris newspapers this morning.

Even the Communist Humanite, which yesterday gave only 19 lines on an inside page to her visit, carried a front page story and photographs.

In an "open letter to the Princess," the Humanite said: "Don't let them mislead you, Princess. It was a healthy emotion Madame, that filled the cheers that greeted your arrival in Paris."

"Our people remember what they owe to British and what she did with us in this war and the other—there are too many British graves in France for misunderstanding and political intrigues ever to weaken a friendship so necessary for the peace of Europe."

The letter then hinted that the Royal visit might be used as the occasion for the conclusion of a "western alliance" adding the warning: "Take care, Princess, they are preparing a difficult role for you."

Other newspapers said: The Conservative Figaro—"Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh have earned their freedom of our city by their simplicity, their grace and smiling good nature."

The Socialist Populaire—"A most direct and sincere manifestation of the friendship of two peoples—it is more than the Entente Cordiale."

The M.K.P. Aube—"Paris knew that in honouring Britain's eldest daughter its joy would cross the Channel and be felt at Buckingham Palace"—Reuter.

## WINSTON BACK HOME

Biggin Hill, May 15.

Winston Churchill arrived here today by chartered plane after a five-day visit in Oslo as guest of King Haakon.—Associated Press.

## Greeks Shelled By Bulgarian Guns

Athens, May 16.

A General Staff communique announced today that troops pursuing guerrillas in the area of Kilkis north of Salonika, were shelled by mortars and artillery from Bulgarian territory.

In Epirus, 25 mortar shells were fired against Konitsa, but there were no casualties. The communique reported that in the Roumeli mop-up, 21 more guerrillas were killed, 16 captured and 14 surrendered.

The Government's medical examiners after six hours of marching arrived in the Ghiona mountain area where 40 infants were earlier reported strangled and abandoned. The team examined the body of a 15-month-old boy and reported that it bore "obvious marks of strangulation."

According to unconfirmed press despatches, General Markos has ordered the guerrillas in eastern Thessaly and the region of Mount Othrys, northeast of Lamia to burn or destroy their huts and strongpoints.

This apparently was because the guerrillas' position there has become vulnerable since the Government troops completed the Roumeli drive, opening up a considerable sector in Central Greece.

Other reports said sizeable guerrilla concentrations have been seen in the area west and south of Metsovo in the last few days.—United Press.

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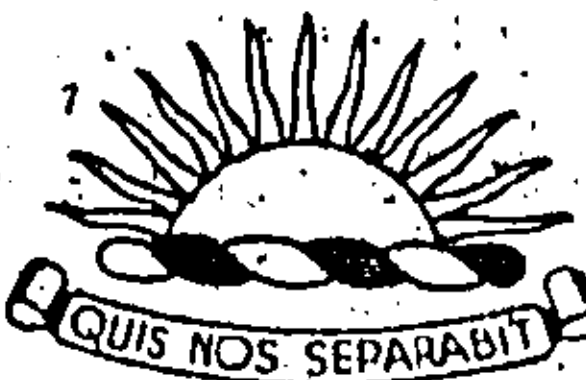
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"TREVEAN"	U.K. and Continent	17th June
"TREVEAN"	Japan	22nd June

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"ORBITA"	Shanghai	26th May
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"ORBITA"	Shanghai & Japan	31st May
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SHIP	FROM	DUE
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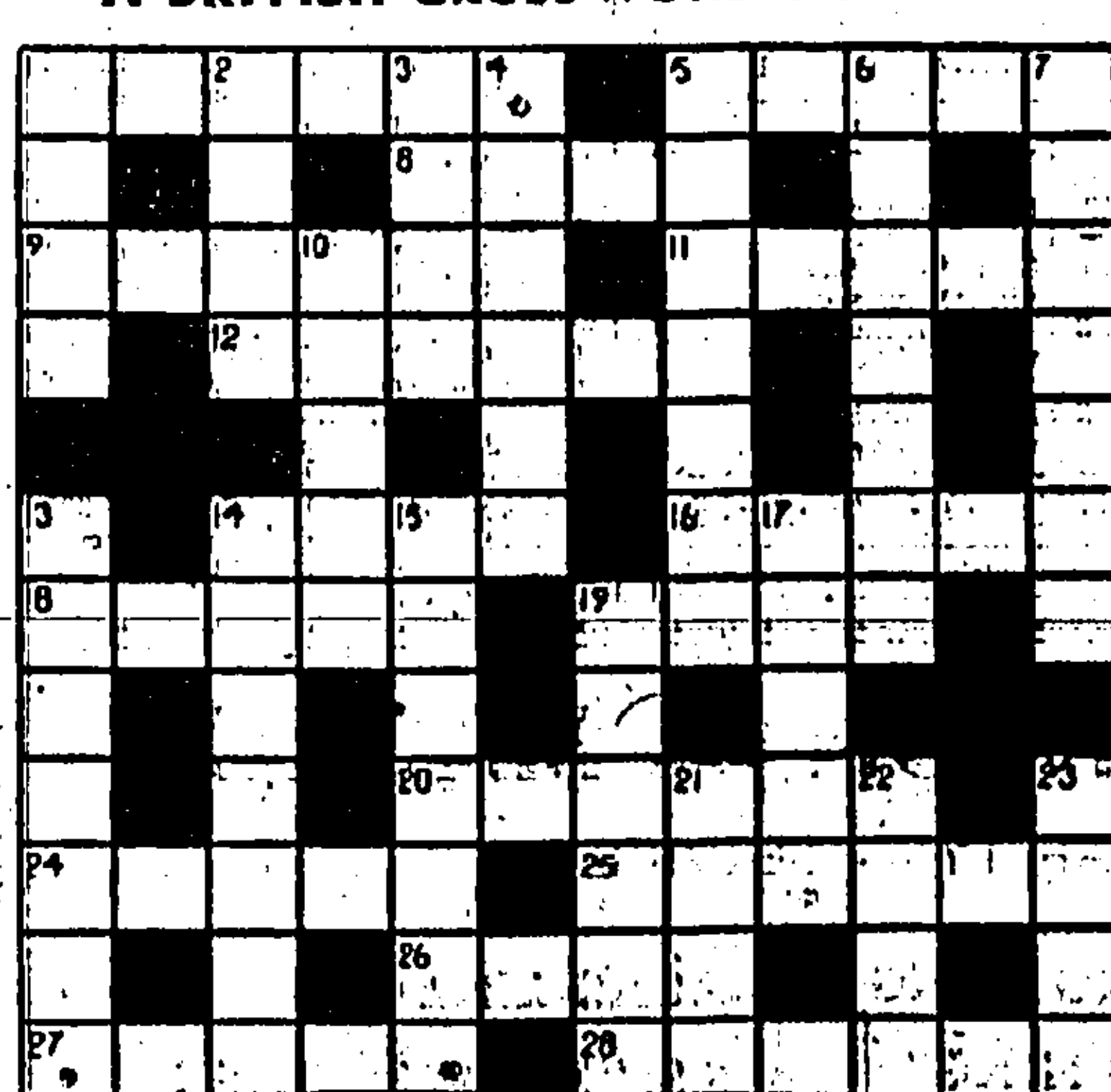
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## A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



## Clues Across

1. Recon-	10. Centre.
2. mence.	11. Venetia.
3. Laments.	12. Worked.
4. Spindle.	13. hard.
5. Allow.	14. Impelled.
6. Savoury.	15. Showy.
7. Jelly.	16. Sent out.
8. Ransomed.	17. Came in.
9. Multitude.	18. Protect.
10. Circular.	

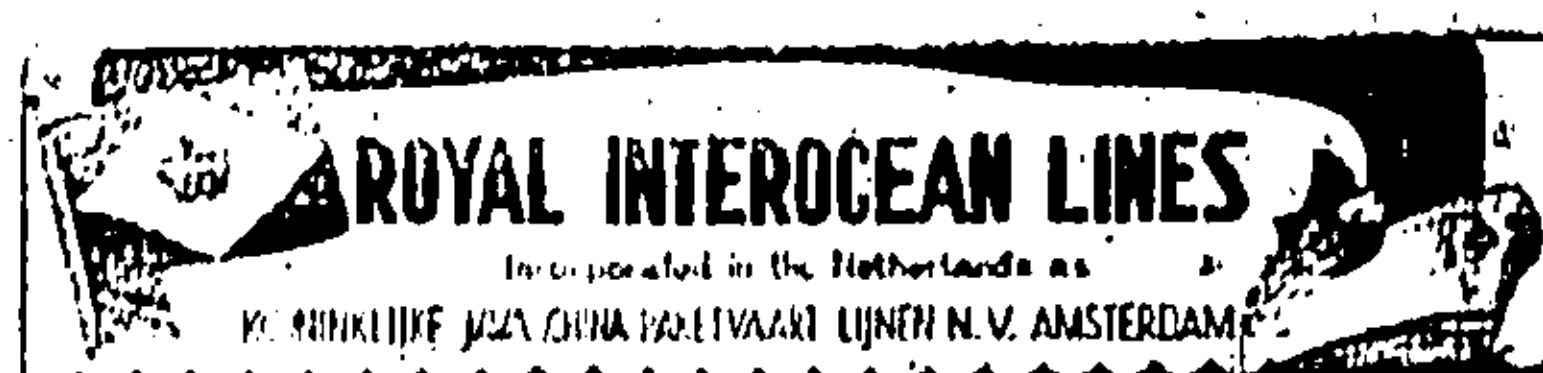
## Clues Down

1. Absorbed.	13. Put into.
2. Foam.	14. A scabbard.
3. Injure.	15. Bean.
4. Obtain by.	16. Stammer.
5. threats.	17. Exterior.
6. Mete.	18. Cold.
7. Clap.	19. Departed.
8. Supper.	20. Plunge.
9. Army.	21. Cast off.

## Saturday's Crossword

Across:-	1. Viola.	4. Edited.	8. Custom.	10. Shrew.	12. Madcap.	14. Release.	16. Torso.	18. Spurred.	20. Perusal.	22. Aird.	24. Gauding.	26. Delect.	28. Kyles.	30. Sticks.	
Down:-	1. Vidor.	3. Ousel.	5. Dias.	7. Tarpon.	9. Dawned.	11. Massage.	13. Hatred.	15. Deplete.	17. Ewer.	19. Exudes.	21. Riding.	23. Aftic.	25. Idiom.	27. Guts.	29. Soil.





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"THIALENGRA" from Amoy 10th May	to Japan 20th May
"THIALENGRA" from Amoy 10th May	to Japan 20th May

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Arrivals	Sailings
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"THIALENGRA" from Amoy 10th May	to Japan 20th May
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From	Date	Vessel
Atlantic Coast	2nd May	m.v. "BALI"
Los Angeles	10th June	m.v. "DONA AURORA"
Los Angeles	Mid. July	m.v. "DONA NATI"

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For	Date	Vessel
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## French Shortage Of Pounds

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An announcement will be made early next week as soon as technicalities are agreed, sources said.

## N.Y. Stock Market

New York, May 15. Orders continued to swamp the Exchange reporting facilities, and a new record was set for the day as the market closed down.

The closing of the market for any comparable Saturday period in New York.

It is believed that the market will be a little more active on Monday, but the outlook for the week is not bright.

The market for foreign exchange is also not bright, and the outlook for the week is not bright.

The market for gold is also not bright, and the outlook for the week is not bright.

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The market for steel is also not bright, and the outlook for the week is not bright.

The market for coal is also not bright, and the outlook for the week is not bright.

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The market for transportation is also not bright, and the outlook for the week is not bright.

The market for communication is also not bright, and the outlook for the week is not bright.

The market for recreation is also not bright, and the outlook for the week is not bright.

## U.S. Cotton For Japan

New York, May 15. An agreement for a \$50,000,000 credit to finance shipments of United States cotton to Japan, was announced in New York.

The credit, provided by commercial banks, will be effective as soon as approved by General Douglas MacArthur, Allied Commander in Japan, Associated Press.

## SILVER AND GOLD MARKETS

Bombay: Silver: Ready, per 100 tolas, 175 Rupees, 04 Annas; Forward, per 100 tolas, 175, 04; Hurawal (unofficial), 175, 05.

Gold: Delivered per tola, 110, 12; Forward (unofficial), 110, 12; Sovereign 74, 00.

One tola is equal to 3/16ths an ounce.

Buenos Aires: Sovereign, buyers 83.00, sellers 83.00; U.S. Eagle, 154.00, 162.00; Gold, Bar, per gramme, 8.40.

Alexandria: Gold, per "dirhem" 160 piastres; Egyptian pound 500; Sovereign 535; Turkey pound 360, Napoleon 370; Dollar (piece de cinq) 500; Silver (piastre) per Kilogram 825.

One "dirhem" is equal to 1/10th of an ounce.

Bangkok: Gold, Bar, per baht-weight of 16.244 grammes, 324 ticals; Exchange Rate (Selling), Bangkok on New York, London, Hong Kong, unquoted.—Reuter.

## Bizonia Abolishes Quotas

Frankfurt, May 15. Quotas for the entry of foreign business men into the Bizonia area of Germany have been abolished, the Joint Export-Import Agency announced.

Any person who has an interest in trade with the Bizonia area may now be admitted for repeated journeys over a period of 30 days, the announcement said.

Branch offices of the Agency have been authorized to grant extensions if additional time is necessary.

Under the previous quota system the number of businessmen admitted was based on the volume of trade between their countries and the Bizonia, and the extent of accommodation.

The Agency said that it was encouraging the visit of businessmen by adding new hotels to those already open for their accommodation.—Reuter.

## Japan And Sterling Area

Colombo, May 15. Ceylon is likely to send a representative to a special conference to be held in Tokyo shortly at which the admission of Japan into the sterling area will be considered, official sources disclosed here.

The Ceylonese Minister of Commerce indicated that a scheme to provide facilities for the resumption of trade between Ceylon and Japan was under consideration by the Government in response to requests from businessmen of both countries.

Before the war Ceylon transacted a large volume of business with Japan, exporting mainly graphite, fibre, cinnamon and other products and importing textiles and haberdashery.—Reuter.

## The Money Market

London, May 15. The money market made a bid start to the week when substantial withdrawal of funds in connection with the Argentine railway pay-out necessitated both indirect and direct assistance.

The shortage, however, was confined to the early part of the week and although the railway payout continued on a smaller scale, subsequent days recorded sufficient flows of funds from maturing bills to supply all needs.

By the end of the week, comfortable conditions had returned and in many cases balances were not lent. Easier facilities were reflected by stimulated demand for bills and a fair turnover in June and July maturities was reported.

Evidence of better conditions in the money market was provided by the Bank of England returns, bankers' balances were around £12,000,000. Higher seasonal demand for notes resulted in an increase of £4,000,000 in active note circulation.

Application for £170,000,000 Treasury bills (totalled £220,000,000 of which £170,000,000 was allotted at an average rate of ten shillings and 1.30 pence per cent.)—Reuter.

## N.Y. COTTON

New York, May 15. Cotton futures were closed in active trading, encouraged by prospective export sales, and closed \$1.14 to \$1.10 a bale higher.

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